

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 76 TO DISAPPROVE MINING AND ENERGY COMMISSION RULES
FOR NATURAL GAS EXTRACTION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly directed the Mining and Energy Commission to draft rules concerning the extraction of natural gas in this State; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly, in its current legislative session, will be considering whether to disapprove these draft rules as presented by the Mining and Energy Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Mining and Energy Commission ignoring the majority of the 217,000 comments from the public on the inadequacies of these rules; and,

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners feels that the draft rules do not adequately protect our environment, our County, or our State; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the effects on the environment, neither legislation nor the draft rules provide any compensation to Chatham County, or any other county affected by hydraulic fracturing, for the impact of natural gas extraction on both the local economy and infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners oppose the extraction of natural gas in Chatham County and in North Carolina for the following reasons:

- 1) The draft rules do not adequately protect the environment of our state and do not promote the welfare of the citizens of Chatham County or of the State of North Carolina.
- 2) The legislation and draft rules remove all local authority with respect to the extraction of natural gas and fail to provide local governments with compensation, either direct or indirect, for the impact of the extraction on local economies and infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners asks its local delegation to oppose the rules drafted by the Mining and Energy Commission in order to preserve the safety and welfare of the citizens of Chatham County and the State of North Carolina. The Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners shall deliver copies of this resolution to the Honorable Patrick McCrory, Governor of North Carolina, the Honorable Tim Moore, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, the Honorable Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate, the Honorable Robert Reives, Chatham County State House Representative and the Honorable Valerie Foushee, Chatham County State Senate Representative.

Adopted this 2nd of March, 2015

James Crawford, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners