

**RESOLUTION BY BUTNER TOWN
COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE
CURRENT LAW NOT ALLOWING
HYDRAULIC FRACTURING
IN NORTH CAROLINA**

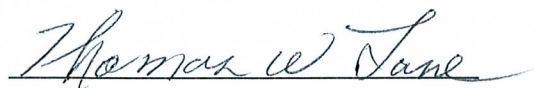
Whereas, hydraulic fracturing is a method of extracting natural gas that involves injecting, at an extremely high pressure, an undisclosed mixture of water, sand and toxic chemicals to break up shale or other rock formations otherwise impermeable to the flow of gas;

Whereas, North Carolina does not currently allow either horizontal drilling or hydraulic fracturing, and the current North Carolina study of in-state shale gas resources and of the potential impacts of reversing this ban and allowing drilling and fracking to extract these resources is being undertaken without adequate funding, without adequate time and without adequate data;

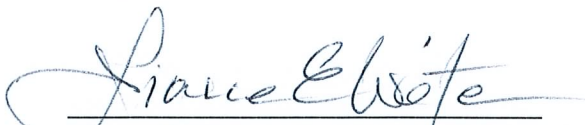
Whereas, Article XIV, Section 5 of the North Carolina Constitution states that "It shall be the policy of this State to conserve and protect its lands and waters for the benefit of all its citizenry, and to this end it shall be a proper function of the State of North Carolina and its political subdivisions . . . to control and limit the pollution of our air and water . . . and in every other appropriate way to preserve as a part of the common heritage of this State its forests, wetlands, estuaries, beaches, historical sites, openlands and places of beauty."

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Butner Town Council, urges the North Carolina General Assembly to maintain current laws in North Carolina that prevent hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling in the State and to take no action that would weaken these laws before it is fully demonstrated that North Carolina public health, waters, land, air, economy, and quality of life can be fully protected from impacts of allowing shale gas development in the State.

Adopted this 5th day of April, 2012.


Thomas W. Lane, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianne E. White, Town Clerk