



TRIANGLE J COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND FUNDING FROM THE STATE TO NORTH CAROLINA REGIONAL COUNCILS

WHEREAS, adequate water quality and quantity resources are essential to sustain long-term economic and community growth and development for North Carolina;

WHEREAS, to plan and implement long-term solutions to water quantity and quality issues require close cooperation by federal, state, regional, and local entities;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to implement programs and projects recommended by long-term, strategic, regional water resource planning;

WHEREAS, North Carolina's 16 Regional Councils have successfully provided local government's statewide with a regional means to address issues that stretch beyond any one government's boundaries for over 40 years;

WHEREAS, Regional Councils operate, in part, to help their member governments work collectively and cooperatively on water resource issues and to implement regional solutions that are in the best interest of the respective regional community and the state;

WHEREAS, Regional Councils working in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, other state agencies, and key stakeholders will implement water resource projects, programs, and other activities consistent with an annual program of work;

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina needs to appropriate \$100,000 for each Regional Council on an annual recurrent basis beginning with the fiscal year 2017-2018 state budget, and totaling \$1,600,000 to implement water resource management programs across the state;

WHEREAS, these funds would serve to support, perpetuate, and enhance the critical long-term, regional water resources planning provided to the member governments of the Triangle J Council of Governments;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Delegates of the Triangle J Council of Governments on this 26th day of April, 2017, that legislative and budgetary support be provided for a Regional Council Water Resource Management Program including state funding at the \$1,600,000 level for the 16 Regional Councils to administer regional programs in the state for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Adopted and approved on this 26th day of April, 2017

Ed Harrison, Chairman

Lee Worsley, Executive Director