

**RESOLUTION OF THE HARNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TO PLACE A ONE-QUARTER CENT (1/4¢) LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
VOTER ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 BALLOT**

WHEREAS, the Harnett County Board of Commissioners has a record of responsiveness to the capital needs of the public school system in providing adequate facilities; and

WHEREAS, Harnett County is facing unprecedented growth pressures as indicated by the 2010 census and State projections indicate these trends will continue for the next two decades as the third fast growing County in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the County's fiscal condition is stressed with a significant debt load, depleted fund balance reserves, and a structural budget deficit; and

WHEREAS, the governing body is actively working to analyze its fiscal position and is taking steps to correct the County's fiscal condition; and

WHEREAS, there exists immediate need for new construction of a new Harnett Central Elementary School and a new Highland Middle School; and

WHEREAS, there are projected short term capital needs for school construction of new Western Harnett and Southwest Harnett Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, there is a projected long term capital need for a new Highland High School, and the sum of these capital needs is in excess of \$146 million dollars; and

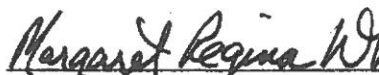
WHEREAS, the financial burden to provide these education facilities should not be placed solely on the land owners, and property taxpayers of Harnett County citizens, working families, and retirees; and

WHEREAS, Article 46 of the North Carolina General Statutes provides that a board of county commissioners may direct the county board of elections to conduct an advisory referendum on the question of whether to levy a local sales tax and use tax in the county with said election to be held on a date jointly agreed upon by the board of county commissioners and the board of elections, and the Harnett County Commissioners desire to do so through this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harnett County Board of Commissioners does hereby call upon the Harnett County Board of Elections to conduct a special election by placing a one-quarter cent (1/4¢) local option sales tax voter advisory referendum on the November 6, 2012 ballot pursuant to the provisions of Article 46 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and further, that the Harnett County Board of Elections publish a legal notice of this special election not less than 45 days prior to November 6, 2012 pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-287.

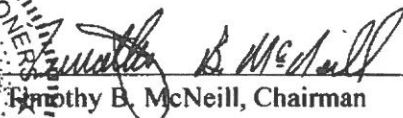
Adopted this 4th day of September 2012.

ATTEST:


Margaret Regina Wheeler, Clerk



HARNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Timothy B. McNeill, Chairman