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## Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

### Resolution Requesting the NCGA to Revise and Expand the Good Samaritan Law GS 90-96.2

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly adopted GS 90-96.2, also known as the Good Samaritan Law in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly Good Samaritan Law was recognized as both timely and one of the best in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this law, a number of lives in North Carolina have been saved, specifically from opioid overdose and fear of prosecution; and

WHEREAS, people are still too often deterred from calling for help at the scene of an overdose if they fear arrest and prosecution, which undermines the very purpose of the law; and

WHEREAS, continually rising overdose fatalities show that North Carolina's current Good Samaritan Law fails to provide adequate protections to ensure individuals feel safe and willing to call 911; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Good Samaritan Law in 2013, several new substances have become threats to the lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, these new substances are not specifically designated and are therefore not covered by the current law, resulting in unnecessary and tragic deaths; and

WHEREAS, while the current Good Samaritan Law has helped save lives in the past, it is apparent that the law needs to be revised and expanded to include a wider range of threats to our citizenry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina General Assembly to urgently consider revising and expanding the Good Samaritan Law to include a broader spectrum of substance-related threats to our citizenry as a matter of public safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners believes that this action will ultimately save people who will have the chance to recover and go on to have meaningful and productive lives in our communities.

Adopted, this the 6th day of March 2023.

Karen Howard, Chair  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCMCC, Clerk to the Board  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners