

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE JORDAN LAKE PARTNERSHIP AND THE
TRIANGLE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Research Triangle Region continues to grow and serve as the premier economic engine for our State; and

WHEREAS, the local government jurisdictions in the Research Triangle Region have responsible and thoughtful land use plans to accommodate the projected growth of our Region; and

WHEREAS, the local government jurisdictions and their constituent water supply authorities are responsible for providing for the publicly owned water supply that has been a critical ingredient in the economic development of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Lake Partnership was created in 2009 by jurisdictions and water systems in the Triangle region with the primary purpose of planning for long-term sustainable and secure water supply for the Triangle Region; and

WHEREAS, the Partners are committed to working collaboratively to enhance the sustainability and security of the region's water supply resources through conservation and efficiency, interconnection, and coordinated planning and development of the Jordan Lake water supply; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership has demonstrated that local governments can work together in a cooperative fashion – within the region, with constituent organizations, with jurisdictions and water suppliers up and down stream, and with state and federal regulators – to create environmentally sustainable, secure and mutually beneficial water supply strategies for Jordan Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Regional Water Supply Plan has been developed based on the best information available from studies and modeling completed by the Partners and others, including a regional interconnections study and Division of Water Resources' Combined Cape Fear – Neuse Hydrologic Model; and

WHEREAS, the water demand projections and future water supply needs have been peer-reviewed by the Partners; and

WHEREAS, the Triangle Regional Water Supply Plan represents the consensus preferred regional alternative of the Partnership; and

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction seeking an allocation from Jordan Lake may, at its discretion, incorporate information from the Triangle Regional Water Supply Plan in preparing its own, individual allocation application to the state; and

WHEREAS, any policy decisions regarding local investments and arrangements needed to use Jordan Lake as a drinking water supply source will be made by the elected officials of each jurisdiction or Board of Directors for their constituent water supply authorities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina, supports the efforts of the Partnership to work collaboratively on regional water supply planning related to Jordan Lake and other water supply sources in the region, with the goal of defining and securing these sources' roles in ensuring a long-term, sustainable water supply for the Research Triangle Region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina, supports the Triangle Regional Water Supply Plan developed by Jordan Lake Partnership which outlines a regional strategy to ensure adequate, sustainable and reliable supplies of water for the future.

Adopted this 20th day of October, 2014.

CHATHAM COUNTY

Walter Petty, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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