

**RESOLUTION**  
**SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF THE 7 COUNTY TRIANGLE J REGION**  
**AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**Whereas,** Chatham County is located in the Triangle J Region of North Carolina; and

**Whereas,** In November 2012, the Triangle J Council of Governments Board of Delegates unanimously adopted The Triangle J Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the seven county Triangle J Region planning area comprised of Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Orange, Wake Counties and their municipalities; and

**Whereas,** the Board of Delegates of Triangle J Council of Governments has directed that Triangle J should undertake activities that further economic development and social welfare in the Triangle J Region planning area and to promote economic development and job creation by carrying out community and economic development initiatives as outlined in the adopted CEDS; and

**Whereas,** Portions of the seven Counties within the Triangle J Region meet all applicable measures of economic distress for unemployment and per capita income as provided in 13CFR 301.3 for the 24-month period ending February 2017 and the region has experienced job losses that qualify through US EDA under special need; and

**Whereas,** the Triangle J Council of Governments is seeking Economic Development District (EDD) designation for the Triangle J Region planning area through the United States Economic Development Administration; and

**Whereas,** the designation of the Triangle J Region planning area as an EDD will further the community and economic development interests of the seven-county region and greatly enhance implementation of our regional CEDS by coordinating efforts to create jobs, build an entrepreneurial economy and attract reinvestment in communities throughout our region – large, small, urban and rural.

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved,** that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, as duly elected and authorized representatives of the people of Chatham County, do hereby support the designation of the seven-county Triangle J Region planning area, comprised of Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Orange, Wake Counties and their municipalities, as an Economic Development District through the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Adopted the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

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Jim Crawford, Chair  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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Lindsay K. Ray  
Clerk to the Board