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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners has stressed to our legislative representatives that we have concerns about drilling for natural gas in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners have written letters and made phone calls expressing our concerns about safety and property rights issues to our legislators; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has previously pledged that the moratorium on drilling would not be lifted until all safety rules are in place and approved; and

WHEREAS, other critical components are yet to be addressed such as “forced pooling” which will weaken private property rights that we have sworn to protect; and

WHEREAS, each county has unique environmental circumstances that can best be understood by the local governing body; and

WHEREAS, current rules remove local control of our environmental regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, Given the current legislation and what we currently know about the location of shale deposits in Chatham, The Chatham County Board of Commissioners cannot support drilling for natural gas in our county under the present circumstances. We urge Governor McCrory and other state leaders to take more time to study the impacts on individual counties, fully develop all safety rules, remove forced pooling, and reinstate local control of our environmental regulations before lifting the moratorium on drilling for natural gas.

Adopted, this the 2 day of June 2014.



Walter Petty, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners



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ATTEST:


Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board
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