

*County of Brunswick*  
*Office of the County Commissioners*



**Resolution In Support of House Bill 516, Allowing Dissolution of Sanitary Districts by Referendum**

**WHEREAS**, Brunswick County has sanitary districts providing water and sewer to customers in certain areas; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time many sanitary districts were formed and incorporated, Brunswick County did not provide water and sewer service in the county, though today it does so, and has earned repeated statewide recognition for its customer service and its efficiency, and is capable of extending that service to meet customers' needs in many areas; and

**WHEREAS**, many Brunswick County residents have stated their support for House Bill 516, which would allow for sanitary districts to be dissolved following the passing of a referendum by a majority of voters, and have announced plans to petition the North Carolina State General Assembly for voters to have the ability to decide to dissolve sanitary districts; and

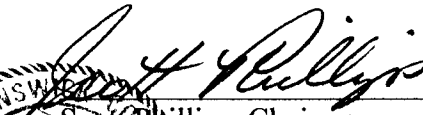
**WHEREAS**, sanitary districts were created to fulfill a need that can now be met by Brunswick County and municipal governments; and

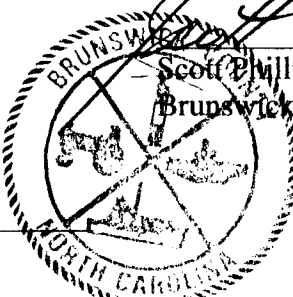
**WHEREAS**, sanitary districts are a redundant government service, and it should be up to the voters in a service area to decide whether to be served by a sanitary district or a municipal/county public utility service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners desires to ensure that citizens have access to safe, clean drinking water and sewer service in the most cost-effective means possible; and

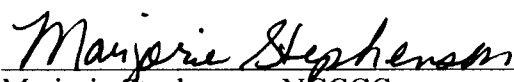
**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners supports legislation to allow voters in a sanitary district to dissolve that sanitary district and allow the assumption of the district's property, liabilities and assets by a county or municipal utility provider, and that no utilities in any portion of any city or town shall be managed or operated by a competing city or town.

This the 4th day of May, 2015.

  
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Scott Phillips, Chairman  
Brunswick County Commissioners



Attest:

  
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Marjorie Stephenson, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board