

County of Brunswick
Office of the County Commissioners



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WARM

WHEREAS; in 2021 WARM (the Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry) is celebrating 25 years of service to lower-income families in Southeastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS; WARM grew out of the United Methodist Church's response to Hurricane Fran in 1996. Twenty-five years later, WARM volunteers, founders and staff members continue to make critical repairs and accessibility upgrades to help families and individuals remain in their own homes and communities; and

WHEREAS; in 25 years, WARM has rebuilt over 1600 homes in seven North Carolina counties, addressing threats to health and safety as well as investing over \$20 million worth of repairs into our region's affordable housing stock; and

WHEREAS; in 2014, the County selected WARM to administer the Urgent Repair Program funded by the NC Housing Finance Agency and has supported this program with \$20,000 in matching funds annually; and

WHEREAS; the average monthly income of a WARM family in 2021 is only \$1,542. Fifty-eight percent of WARM homeowners are over 60 years old and 66% have no mortgage. These homeowners pass their home to heirs, helping to alleviate generational poverty; and

WHEREAS; the WARM model uses volunteer labor with knowledgeable supervisors, and funding from government, corporations and individuals to make necessary home repairs, allowing many of these people to live out their golden years in a safe and stable home environment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. That the Board of Commissioners extends its warmest congratulations in celebrating 25 years of rebuilding homes and lives; and
2. That the Board of Commissioners continues to believe in WARM's mission to repair, rebuild, and make homes accessible; and
3. That WARM continues to inspire service, generosity, and hope.

Adopted this the 20th day of September, 2021.

Randell Thompson, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Daralyn Spivey
Clerk to the Board