

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2006

SUBJECT: Resolution Calling for an End to the Medicaid Burden on the
Counties of North Carolina

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The attached resolution calls for the General Assembly to put an end to the requirement that North Carolina counties pay a portion of Medicaid costs. Randolph County has requested that all 100 counties adopt such a resolution.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED:

Recommend adoption of attached resolution.

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN END TO THE
MEDICAID BURDEN ON THE COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Whereas, the Federal Medicaid program involves a huge cost over which counties have very little, if any, effective control; and

Whereas, North Carolina is now the only State in the nation that forces its counties to pay a portion of the Medicaid bill; and

Whereas, this cost has become a great burden on North Carolina's counties, weakening the ability of counties to respond to and meet local needs, including the protection of our citizens and the education of our children; and

Whereas, the Medicaid burden for Henderson County in Fiscal Year 2006/07 is estimated at \$5.2 million, or the equivalent of six-cents on the County's property tax rate; and

Whereas, it is estimated that the State's budget surplus will exceed \$1.1 billion in 2006, more than enough money for the North Carolina General Assembly to right this longstanding wrong; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the North Carolina General Assembly find a way to relieve all counties of the Medicaid burden.

Adopted this the 19th day of May 2006.

William L. Moyer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk to the Board