

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** September 4, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Resolution of Appreciation

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

In late July, the General Assembly adopted a state budget that provided counties with Medicaid relief, and additional revenue options. Attached is a Resolution of Appreciation to the General Assembly for relieving counties of the Medicaid burden.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation as presented.

**Suggested Motion:**

*I move the Board adopt the Resolution of Appreciation to the General Assembly for relieving counties of Medicaid.*

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

***RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FOR RELIEVING COUNTIES OF MEDICAID***

- WHEREAS**, relieving counties of the Medicaid burden was the Number One legislative goal for all counties; and,
- WHEREAS**, every member of the 2007 North Carolina General Assembly recognized and supported the need for Medicaid relief; and
- WHEREAS**, every member of the House of Representatives supported House Bill 1424, which would have provided a permanent cap and additional targeted relief; and
- WHEREAS**, every member of the Senate supported provisions of the budget to eliminated the county Medicaid share entirely; and
- WHEREAS**, Governor Mike Easley publicly expressed his support on numerous occasions; and
- WHEREAS**, a negotiating team with representatives from the House, the Senate and the Governor's Office reached consensus on a solution to relieve counties of their Medicaid burden; and
- WHEREAS**, this solution is fair and equitable to all parties; and
- WHEREAS**, this solution protects municipal revenues, allows the state to phase in the assumption of the county Medicaid share over three years while gradually assuming sufficient county revenues to cover the increased costs, does not force counties to raise property or sales taxes to receive Medicaid relief and provides additional revenue authority to counties faced with rapidly increasing infrastructure needs;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners commends and expresses our appreciation to the 2007 North Carolina General Assembly for proving themselves to be true "Friends of the Counties".

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

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William L. Moyer, Chairman

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Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk to the Board