FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE	: SEPTEMBER 10, 2020		AGENDA ITEM NUMB	ER: 19
SUBJECT:	RESOLUTION APPRO GOALS TO THE NORT COMMISSIONERS FOR CONFERENCE	H CAROLINA ASSO	CIATION OF COUR	itv
COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:				
SUMMARY C	OF INFORMATION:	See Attached		
ATTACHMENTS:	x yes	no		
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RESOLUTION APPROVING LEGISLATIVE GOALS AND SUBMISSION OF SUCH GOALS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE

WHEREAS the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) was founded in 1908 as a membership organization to represent the interests of counties before the General Assembly;

WHEREAS all 100 counties are voluntary members of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, making the NCACC the official voice of North Carolina counties;

WHEREAS every two years, at the beginning of the long session of the General Assembly biennium, the membership of the NCACC holds a Legislative Goals Conference to develop and approve legislative goals designed to protect and enhance the interests of county governments and the citizens who live in our 100 counties;

WHEREAS, for its proposed goals to be considered at the Legislative Goals Conference, Forsyth County must submit its proposed legislative goals for the 2021-22 General Assembly biennium to the NCACC no later than September 30, 2020;

WHEREAS after due deliberation, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners has determined that the attached legislative goals represent the collective wishes of the entire Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the attached legislative goals, incorporated herein by reference, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board, or his designee, to submit the attached legislative goals to the NCACC.

Adopted this the 10th day of September 2020.

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' 2021-22 LEGISLATIVE GOALS

- 1) Support provision of state resources to ensure county ability to provide essential public health, behavioral health, and social services, with specific consideration to challenges of incarcerated persons, the continued county role in behavioral health governance, and programs addressing substance use disorder, throughout Medicaid transformation.
- 2) Support legislation providing flexibility to align K-12 and community college calendars.
- 3) Support legislation providing equitable distribution of resources to all North Carolina counties to respond to COVID-19 and other public health and natural emergencies, and to allow each county flexibility in determining the best use for such resources without burdensome, inefficient restrictions or requirements to forward an arbitrary portion of such resources to units of governments that are not primarily responsible for providing services in response to such emergencies.
- 4) Support legislation allowing counties flexibility in holding remote board meetings, allowing contemporaneous, virtual public hearings, in order to expeditiously conduct county business during emergencies.
- 5) Seek legislation and funding to provide resources to parents and guardians for educational training, computers, equipment, broadband access, and childcare resources necessary to promote successful home and remote learning environments for their children.
- 6) Support state funding for a six-week, full day, summer enrichment program that includes instruction in reading and math, for all students who score below the 33rd percentile on NC end-of-grade reading or math tests administered in May 2021 to all students in grades K-8. Students who do not improve their end-of-grade test scores in reading and math by 10 percent after completing the six-week summer enrichment program shall not be promoted to the next grade level in the fall of 2021.