

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, OPPOSING A CHANGE FROM THE ELECTION OF JUDGES TO THE SELECTION OF JUDGES**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Constitution (“Constitution”) established three branches of government: Executive, Legislative and Judicial; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution also established the roles and responsibilities of each of the branches of government and how individuals seeking to serve in those branches would be elected; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is currently debating the merits of amending the Constitution to allow the appointment of judges instead of the historical method of electing judges by a vote of the people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville Council Members believes that judges should continue to be elected by the voters and not selected by some other process that may be established by the Legislative Branch; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville Council Members supports maintain our current Judicial District System. We believe the current system has worked well and that all Fayetteville residents should be able to vote for all their District Court Judges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Fayetteville do hereby opposes any amendment to the North Carolina Constitution that would change the right of the people of North Carolina to elect their judges, which ensures an independent judiciary, as now provided in this State’s Constitution; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Council directs that this resolution be sent to its local legislative delegation and to the boards of county commissioners of all 100 North Carolina Counties.

Adopted this Day

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Megill  
PAMELA J. MEGILL, CITY CLERK



[Signature]  
BOB COLVIN, MAYOR