

**RESOLUTION OF THE EDGECOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OPPOSING THE SENATE PROPOSAL TO SPLIT THE 7<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
AND CREATE A NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, a proposal has been made to separate Nash County from the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and place it with Franklin, Granville and Person Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, splitting the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson Counties will create a new, approximately 100-mile long, disjointed district with very little in common; and

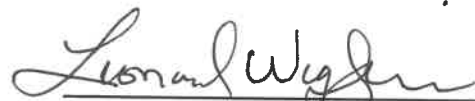
**WHEREAS**, splitting the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District would result in undue burden on law enforcement, citizens, and local and state taxpayers in the Edgecombe, Nash and Wilson County areas, including, but not limited to the following:


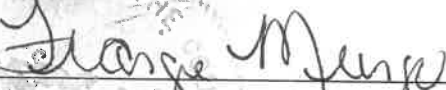
- 1) The City of Rocky Mount, and the Town of Sharpsburg are located in both in Edgecombe and Nash Counties, and the Town of Sharpsburg is located in Edgecombe, Nash and Wilson Counties. These municipalities are currently governed by the rules of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. Splitting Nash County from the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District would place a burden on law enforcement, staff, taxpayers and court schedules by creating two judicial districts for these municipalities; and
- 2) The cost of operating the Rocky Mount Judicial Center, (which is located in Edgecombe County) is currently shared with Nash County. If Nash County were in another district, their share would fall back on Edgecombe County, increasing our burden for the operation of the Judicial Center; and
- 3) The current 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's Guardian Ad Litem Program operates under one administrator for all three counties. Pulling Nash County from the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District would disrupt this program and impair the ability to track and protect children; and
- 4) Cost efficient, joint crime fighting task forces among law enforcement agencies in the District, all working successfully within the bounds of one set of local, prosecutorial policies, is just one example of the critical need to keep the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District intact as one, compact, crime-fighting unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners hereby goes on record in support of preserving the current 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District consisting of Edgecombe, Nash and Wilson counties and in opposition to the proposal to place Nash County in a new judicial district and urgently requests support of the North Carolina Legislature to maintain the integrity of the current 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to correspond with the Legislative Delegation representing the Edgecombe County and to other members of the State Legislature to communicate the contents of this Resolution and the position of the Edgecombe Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

  
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Leonard Wiggins, Chairman

  
  
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Franjie Mungo, Clerk to the Board