

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION
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 North Carolina 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

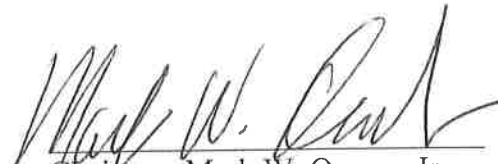
WHEREAS, the Pitt Board of County Commissioners believes that judges should continue to be elected by the voters and not selected by some other process that may be established by the Legislative Branch; and

WHEREAS, the Pitt County Board of Commissioners supports maintaining our current Judicial District System. We oppose Pitt County being divided into sub-districts. We believe the current system has worked well and that all Pitt County citizens should be able to vote for all of their District Court Judges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pitt County Board of Commissioners 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the members of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Adopted this the 19th day of February, 2018.


Chairman Mark W. Owens, Jr.

Attest:


Janna T. Singleton, Deputy Clerk to the Board

