

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION THAT DIMINISHES
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL**

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2016 the Charlotte City Council enacted a local ordinance regarding discrimination in its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in response, on March 23, 2016 in special session the North Carolina General Assembly ratified, and Governor McCrory signed, legislation reversing and undoing a local ordinance, imposing new restrictions on contracting authority and effectively stripping all North Carolina cities and towns of their ability to govern their citizens in the manner that suits them best; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the North Carolina General Assembly has taken extreme measures to diminish the legislative authority of local governments in multiple ways, including shifting control of Asheville's water system, overturning local governments' bans on guns in public parks and restricting local governments' regulations on development and home design; and

WHEREAS, the Matthews Board of Commissioners strongly believes in the concept of local control over matters of local concern and that it is the role of the duly elected legislative body of the Town of Matthews to prevent the usurpation of its power to self-govern by the North Carolina General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a continuing pattern of legislative indifference and opposition to municipal and county governments' desire for local control has become increasingly intrusive; and

WHEREAS, local solutions arrived at by open, collaborative processes are preferable to legislative-interference.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James P. Taylor, Mayor of the Town of Matthews, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Matthews, North Carolina, do hereby call upon the North Carolina General Assembly to cease its interference in matters of local control and allow municipal and county governments to govern their citizens in the manner they deem appropriate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Matthews to be affixed this 25th day of April, 2016.




Mayor James P. Taylor

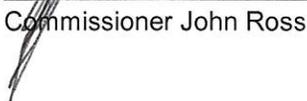

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