

# RESOLUTION AGAINST I-73 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, the Town Council for Summerfield, North Carolina met in public meeting May 12, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. after due notice to discuss the proposed I-73 Highway construction through the Town of Summerfield; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council after due discussion and deliberation concluded that the following items form the basis of Council concerns for the proposed I-73 Highway construction:

- (a) The proposed I-73 Highway will divide the Town and will adversely affect family farms thereby impacting adversely on the quality of life for the citizens of Summerfield by making Summerfield a less attractive place in which to live and raise a family;
- (b) The Council believes that the new I-73 Highway will have an adverse effect on property values in Summerfield with the potential of significantly reducing same;
- (c) The State of North Carolina agencies charged with making the routing decisions for the proposed I-73 Highway did not consult with the Town Council nor hold public meetings within the boundaries of Summerfield which has always expressed its concern against the proposed I-73 Highway and the Highway 220 and Highway 68 connector;
- (d) The Council believes that the typical interstate highway traffic generally exceeds posted speed limits thereby creating safety hazards to the motoring public, environment and the community within Summerfield, which will combine to have an adverse budgetary effect on Summerfield by creating an excessive cost of traffic law enforcement;
- (e) The Council believes that moving the proposed I-73 road-bed from Highway 52 to Highway 220 appears more politically motivated than need motivated and that the cost estimates of North Carolina DOT are based on incomplete and inaccurate data. That when the construction costs were computed for the Highway 220 and Highway 68 connector, the responsible State agency did not know if the I-73 Highway path would cross over or under existing road-beds; likewise, said responsible agency did not know which homes or properties would become a part of the right-of-way acquisition and therefore part of the Eminent Domain process;
- (f) The Council believes that the building of I-73 Highway will not correct or have a beneficial effect in correcting the dangerous two-lane road presently in existence on Highway 68;

- (g) The proposed path of roadway will expose existing wet-lands to road construction and future traffic adversely and potentially dangerously effecting environment or hazardous materials spills; likewise, the proposed I-73 Highway path maximizes the interstate presence in critical watershed areas and the potential that exists for a negative environmental impact.

THEREFORE, at its regularly schedule meeting for June, the Summerfield Town Council unanimously adopted this Resolution in opposition to the construction of the proposed I-73 Highway.

The Town of Summerfield Council also voted to send a copy of this Resolution to North Carolina Department of Transportation to express its opposition as above stated.

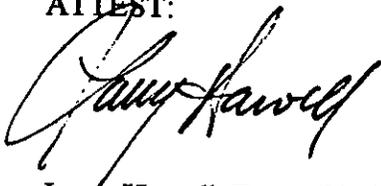
ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 1998.

TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD



By: William Peterson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Larry Harvell, Town Clerk

