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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 472
ELECTRONIC MEETING NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 143-318.12 specifies that all official meetings of a public body must be noticed to the public; and

WHEREAS, the cost of public notification of official meetings in newspapers of general circulation may be prohibitively expensive for some public bodies, particularly during this time of economic downturn which has put significant hardship and strain on many budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Summerfield spends over $2,500 annually on such advertising; and

WHEREAS, many smaller towns and municipalities do not have a local newspaper of general circulation creating a further hardship for compliance; and

WHEREAS, significant portions of the general public now use websites, email, Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of electronic media to keep informed about news, meeting schedules and events; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 472, "A Bill to Allow All Cities and Counties to Give Electronic Notice", would allow for electronic meeting notification in lieu of or in addition to advertising in a newspaper of general circulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Summerfield supports House Bill 472 and encourages other municipalities to do the same.

Adopted on this the 10th day of May 2011.

Mark E. Brown

Mark E. Brown, Mayor

Attest: Valarie Halvorsen

Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk