



**RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 758, TRANSFER OF ALL STATE SECONDARY ROADS WITHIN MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES FROM STATE MAINTENANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS**, this bill, and other such proposals in Senate Bill 1001/House Bill 881, are an attempt by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to shift the financial responsibility for thousands of miles of state roads from the State of North Carolina to local governments, reversing the policy adopted by the General Assembly in the 1930's under which the State assumed control of the state highway system from local governments and North Carolina became known as the "Good Roads State"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current effort to divest the State from its responsibility for large portions of the state's road system represents a shortsighted abdication of responsibility caused by the State's inability or refusal to finance and manage it effectively, and merely shifts the responsibility back to local governments which lack the capacity to maintain the system; and,

**WHEREAS**, local governments face their own daunting challenges in providing existing essential services with strained revenue sources without this attempted new unfunded mandate; and,

**WHEREAS**, the state's road system is fundamental and critical to the economic health of the State and the well being of its citizens, and it should not be sacrificed or abandoned for lack of determination by the State to continue to maintain its historical responsibility and stewardship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Carolina General Assembly is respectfully and urgently requested to reject proposals such as those in Senate Bill 1001/House Bill 881, and in Senate Bill 758 which would transfer responsibility for large portions of the state's road system to local governments, and weaken or dismantle municipal Powell Bill street maintenance funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the **TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD** recognizes and respects the challenges facing the General Assembly in its responsibility for the state's road system, and pledges its support for leadership leading to solutions for the benefit of all the citizens.

Adopted on this the 12th day of May, 2009.

Mark E. Brown, Mayor

Attest:   
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk