



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 15.

DATE OF MEETING: May 6, 2013

REQUESTED BY: Johnny Griffin, Director, Wilmington Regional Film Commission, Inc.

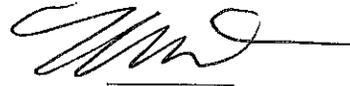
SHORT TITLE: Resolution by the Pender County Board of Commissioners: North Carolina Film Industry Support.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Directors of the Wilmington Regional Film Commission, Inc. requests that the Pender County Board of Commissioners adopt the attached resolution in support of the North Carolina Film and Television Industry. In 2011, the film and television industry spent approximately \$113 million in the local economy. In 2012, the local expenditures increased to \$247 million. The industry employs approximately 850-1,000 local individuals; approximately 70 reside in Pender County. Additionally, there are several vendors in Pender County which are crucial to and support the local industry.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider the attached resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners to support the North Carolina Film Industry.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.


Initial

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the attached resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners to support the North Carolina Film Industry is hereby approved. The Chairman/ County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Brown ___ McCoy ___ Tate ___ Ward ___ Williams ___

George R. Brown, Chairman 5/6/13
Date

ATTEST 5/6/13
Date



**RESOLUTION BY THE PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NORTH CAROLINA FILM INDUSTRY SUPPORT**

WHEREAS, the Film and Television Industry has been an important clean industry in North Carolina for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina seeks and wishes to attract clean, knowledge-based industries that position the state well for 21st century job expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Film and Television Industry has contributed to jobs and increased economic activity in over fifty North Carolina counties; and

WHEREAS, over 4,000 families depend on this industry for well-paying jobs and the industry workforce has multiplied in each of the last three years; and

WHEREAS, this industry will provide more highly skilled jobs and opportunities in the future and contribute significantly to workforce earnings potential; and

WHEREAS, our skilled crew base, well-trained talent, excellent facilities and diverse scenery make North Carolina an excellent place to film; and

WHEREAS, every level of public education trains technical employees for this industry and post-secondary job placement in the industry is very strong; and

WHEREAS, film over the last five years has exceeded one billion dollars in gross domestic product for the state; and

WHEREAS, the current North Carolina tax structure encourages productions from around the world to economically produce movies and television series in our state; and

WHEREAS, films and TV series produced in North Carolina attract destination tourism to filming locations, contributing to the state's travel economy; and

WHEREAS, this board supports job growth of high skilled, high wage industries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Pender County Board of Commissioners do hereby declare its support for both the North Carolina Film and Television Industry and the current state tax policy that has caused this industry to grow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, we call upon our representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly to continue support of this important industry.

This 6th day of May, 2013.

Attest:

George R. Brown, Chairman

Mickey N. Duvall, Clerk to the Board