



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 1106
Modify Uses of Connect NC Bonds**

WHEREAS, Governor Pat McCrory proposed a \$2.85 billion bond initiative (Connect NC) intended to connect North Carolina cities and towns in the 21st century by building roads, upgrading technology, constructing and improving educational facilities, enhancing medical services, supporting our military installations, improving parks and recreational facilities, and building and improving port and rail infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Connect NC Bond was passed by North Carolina voters on the March 15, 2016 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Connect NC Bond that was passed does not contain any transportation projects to assist in connecting the citizens of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, HB 1106 is proposed to decrease the sum of the projects for the University of North Carolina by four hundred ninety million dollars (\$490,000,000.00) and reallocate that money for transportation projects listed as the next-highest-scoring Strategic Mobility-funded category project under G.S. 136-189.11 that are shovel ready, not to exceed four hundred ninety million dollars (\$490,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, fifteen years has passed since the State's last general obligation bond was authorized for the improvement of public infrastructure, resulting in years of statewide deferred maintenance; and

WHEREAS, by not addressing our serious infrastructure deficiencies now, our State will lose its ability to compete in the future, interest rates will go up, costs to taxpayers will increase, congestion will worsen and jobs will not expand at the rate needed to sustain a healthy and vibrant North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Pender County has expressed the need for a Hampstead Bypass in order to support a rapidly growing coastal community; and

WHEREAS, the Hampstead Bypass is a shovel-ready transportation project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pender County Board of Commissioners supports HB 1106 to modify the Connect NC Bond initiative and encourages the General Assembly to allow North Carolina's citizens to vote on this modification to ensure North Carolina's future on the global stage is upheld.

ADOPTED, this the 6th day of June, 2016.

George R. Brown, Chairman
Pender County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Melissa Long
Clerk to the Board