

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VOTER PARTICIPATION ON MAY 8, 2012 – AMENDMENT TO THE
NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION – AMENDMENT ONE**

WHEREAS, in 1995 the North Carolina legislature enacted G.S. 51-1.2, which states that “Marriages, whether created by common law, contracted, or performed outside of North Carolina, between individuals of the same gender are not valid in North Carolina;” and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted 1 USCS Section 7, which states “In determining the meaning of any Act of Congress, or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of the various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States, the word “marriage” means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word “spouse” refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife;” and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly proposed an amendment to Article 14 of the North Carolina Constitution would add a new section, to be called Section 6. It would read as follows:

“Sec. 6. Marriage.

Marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State. This section does not prohibit a private party from entering into contracts with another private party; nor does this section prohibit courts from adjudicating the rights of private parties pursuant to such contracts.”

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2011, the North Carolina General Assembly voted in favor of referring the constitutional amendment to the statewide ballot on May 8, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly also approved the language that voters will see on the ballot this spring as they consider this constitutional amendment:

[] FOR [] AGAINST

Constitutional amendment to provide that marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State.

WHEREAS, in every state in our country that has allowed the people to vote, 30 in all, have protected marriage in its constitution as the union of one man and one woman, including North Carolina’s bordering states of Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Moore County Board of Commissioners encourages the people of Moore County and North Carolina to voice their opinion by exercising their right to vote on this important issue on May 8, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Moore County Board of Commissioners authorizes its Chairman to execute the attached Resolution.

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2012.

Larry R. Caddell, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

Laura M. Williams
Clerk to the Board