

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ARTS COUNCIL
OF WILMINGTON AND NEW HANOVER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, New Hanover County had been without the leadership and support of an arts council for a decade before the launch of the Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County means that all of the top 10 most populous counties in North Carolina now have local arts councils that are catalysts for economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County is the Designated County Partner for the North Carolina Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County will administer the Grassroots Grant Program and Regional Artist Project Grant Program for the North Carolina Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, arts and cultural organizations in New Hanover County have \$5.7 million in direct expenditures annually, with \$15.1 million in event-related spending by arts and culture audiences (excluding the cost of admission); and

WHEREAS, arts and culture organizations and their audiences support 799 full-time equivalent jobs in New Hanover County; and

WHEREAS, spending by arts and culture organizations and their audiences generate more than \$1 million in government revenue; and

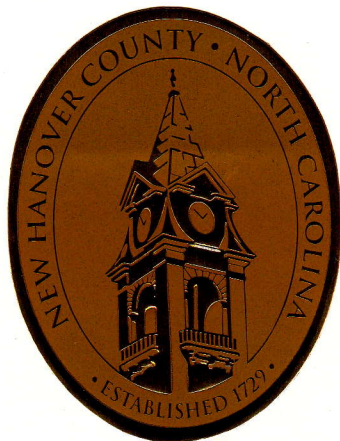
WHEREAS, the Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County will work:

- to establish the region as an arts destination,
- to promote arts-driven economic development,
- to significantly contribute to quality of life in the region,
- to provide a stream of funding to support the sustainability of artists and arts organizations,
- to facilitate communication and collaboration within the arts community, and
- to advocate for the arts at the local, state and national levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners hereby officially recognizes the Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County, through public-private partnerships, will ensure that all citizens have access to a wide range of arts experiences, including literary, visual, performing, and traditional arts.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of June, 2013.



NEW HANOVER COUNTY


Woody White, Chairman

ATTEST:


Sheila L. Schult, Clerk to the Board