



**RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF
HOUSE BILL 405 IN THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DIVIDE
STATE DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT 30 INTO TWO DISTRICTS BEING DISTRICT 30A
AND DISTRICT 30B AND TO REALIGN SUPERIOR COURT DISTRICTS 30A AND 30B**

WHEREAS, the residents of the seven western-most counties in North Carolina need to have meaningful access to justice, which requires courts to have an adequate number of judges and court settings in relation to the population being served so cases can be heard and decided in a timely fashion. Those counties are Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Cherokee and Clay; and

WHEREAS, residents of western counties do not have meaningful access to justice because of how the District Court districts, the Superior Court districts and the Prosecutorial districts are divided and how the judges in those districts are assigned to hear cases; and

WHEREAS, because judges in the western counties have to travel so far to hold court in the various counties, they are not able to hold court as frequently or as efficiently as judges in more urban areas, making the situation in the western counties uniquely challenging and significantly delaying cases; and

WHEREAS, the way in which the districts are currently divided is outdated, inefficient and deprives residents of the western counties meaningful access to justice; and

WHEREAS, the reorganization presented by House Bill 405 will ensure cases are heard promptly and efficiently in the western counties; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners supports House Bill 405 in the North Carolina General Assembly, which will divide State District Court District 30 into two districts to be designated as District 30A and District 30B and to realign Superior Court Districts 30A and 30B.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners assembled, at which a quorum is present, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners encourages the North Carolina General Assembly to pass House Bill 405 splitting the State District.

Adopted May 18, 2021.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
BRIAN THOMAS MCMAHAN, Chairman

Attest:

ANGELA M. WINCHESTER, Clerk to the Board