



**JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

**RESOLUTION TO PLACE LOCAL TAX REFERNDUM AND/OR
BOND ISSUES ON NOVEMBER EVEN YEAR BALLOTS
(GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS)**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly authorizes certain sales taxes to be levied at the local level with voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly authorizes local governments to issue various types of bonds to meet financing needs (North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 159: Local Government Finance); and

WHEREAS, issuance of said bonds would require a levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to meet all installments of principal and interest falling due on its debt during the budget year and subsequent years until such debt is repaid; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-287 encourages counties, municipalities and special districts to set special election dates that will result in the highest voter turnout possible; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County voter turnout in November even year general elections has averaged 55 percent in the years 2008 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County voter turnout in even year primaries has averaged 30 percent in the years 2008 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County voter turnout in even year second primaries has averaged 4 percent; and

WHEREAS, sales tax referendums and bond referendum occur infrequently on ballots in Jackson County and therefore would be considered special; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners supports the intent of the North Carolina General Statute 163-287.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Jackson County:

1. Local tax referendums and bond referendums will only be placed on November even year general election ballots.
2. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 18th day of September, 2017.

Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman