

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OZONE ADVANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the federal Clean Air Act, through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), establishes air quality standards to protect public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County has acknowledged the importance of these standards in promoting quality of life, economic development, and future healthy development; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County is currently attaining the 2015 federal ozone standard of 0.070 parts per million (ppm);

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners partnered with all of its municipalities to participate in the EPA's Early Action Compact and created the Air Quality Stakeholders of Cumberland County to proactively improve air quality for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, EPA, in conjunction with state governments, business, industry, and environmental interest, has developed an option known as an "Ozone Advance Program," through which an area, in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and EPA, can voluntarily improve conditions through strategies developed through an Action Plan to help avoid a designation of non-attainment; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of participating in an Ozone Advance Program include: clean air sooner, potentially avoiding non-attainment designation; preference during EPA federal grant allocations; flexibility to achieve standards in cost effective ways; development of local standards in partnership with stakeholders and the state, and other benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Fayetteville fully supports the Ozone Advance Program as approved by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, and will participate in the development and implementation of an Action Plan which will reduce ground-level ozone concentrations.

Adopted this Day [Month, Day, Year]

By: _____
NAT ROBERTSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAMELA J. MEGILL, CITY CLERK