

NORTH CAROLINA

WAYNE COUNTY

WHEREAS, each year 500 billion plastic shopping bags are consumed worldwide; and

WHEREAS, less than 5 percent of plastic shopping bags are recycled in the United States; and

WHEREAS, paper bags, while biodegradable, contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation, and water pollution from the production process; and

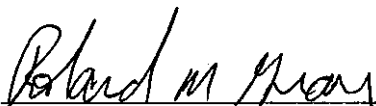
WHEREAS, in recognition of the benefits to be gained by reduction of our use of plastic shopping bags with such benefits to include reducing litter on our landscapes, saving precious oil supplies, preventing the deaths of thousands of birds and wildlife, and reducing river pollution; and

WHEREAS, in further recognizing that such benefits can be gained by a simple change to reusable shopping bags.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wayne County Board of Commissioners does hereby urge all Wayne County citizens to make a personal commitment to change to the use of reusable shopping bags and to use them for all shopping.

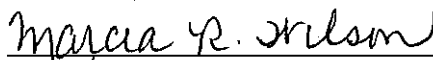
Adopted this the 7th day of July, 2009.





Roland M. Gray, Chairman
Wayne County Commissioners

Attest:



Marcia R. Wilson
Clerk to the Board