



County of Bladen  
State of North Carolina

## AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, agriculture and agribusiness is the number one industry in North Carolina contributing \$85 billion to our State's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, we enjoy a food supply that is abundant, affordable and among the world's safest, thanks in large part to the efficiency and productivity of North Carolina's farmers; and,

**WHEREAS**, our farmers provide the food, fuel and fiber for our state and our county; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture touches the life of everyone, whether it be in our daily meals or the clothes we wear; and

**WHEREAS**, farming supports other community businesses and the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that we are going to need to increase food production by at least 70 percent by 2050 to meet the growing world food demands; and

**WHEREAS**, we are losing farmland at an alarming rate and it is getting progressively more difficult to recruit and retain farmers willing to work our state's land; and

**WHEREAS**, we need to support our agricultural industry and our farmers, and encourage a safe and abundant food supply.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bladen County Board of Commissioners does hereby:

- Support the development of our community by advocating for a healthy agricultural economy;
- Encourage the efficient and safe use of our natural resources;
- Support and encourages policies that enhance the viability of farmers, such as SB711, otherwise known as the NC Farm Act of 2018;
- Agree to work with community members, officials, and other decision makers to generate informed judgements regarding agricultural production, processing, and marketing that will support and sustain the agricultural industry as a whole.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018

ATTEST:

*Maria C. Edwards*

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners



*Ray Britt*

Ray Britt, Chairman  
Bladen County Board of Commissioners