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**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION
PLAN THAT CLOSSES EDNA ANDREWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, The Town of Hamilton, North Carolina is located in a Tier 1 county as designated by the North Carolina Department of Commerce's County Tier Designations in 2017; and

WHEREAS Edna Andrews Elementary School in Hamilton is a source of local pride honoring a great Martin County educator; and

WHEREAS, the Martin County School Consolidation Plan calls for closing Edna Andrews Elementary School in Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Edna Andrews Elementary School creates a hardship for all western Martin County families with elementary aged school children; and

WHEREAS, student achievement will be severely limited by this decision to close and relocate children from this elementary school to a school much farther away; and

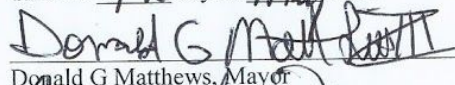
WHEREAS, drive times for residents in the farthest portions of the county will top one half hour each way per school day (for a total of 5 hours of travel time per week) and longer for bus riding students; and

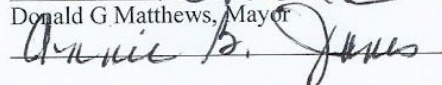
WHEREAS, economic development efforts in western Martin County will be severely hampered without a local elementary school.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town of Hamilton, North Carolina opposes the Martin County School Consolidation Plan and urges reconsideration of any plan that will eliminate local schools in western Martin County.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Martin County School Board, Martin County Board of Commissioners, Martin County's Legislative Delegation and local media outlets.

This the 4th day of May 2017


Donald G. Matthews, Mayor


Annie B. Jones, Clerk

