



TOWN RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NAME: **REQUEST FOR GRANTING OF LOCAL REFERENDUM
AUTHORITY REGARDING CASINO AND GAMING LEGISLATION FOR
NON-TRIBAL LANDS IN NORTH CAROLINA**

RESOLUTION #: RES-2023-005

ORIGINAL ADOPTION DATE: 8-8-23

ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 8-8-23

WHEREAS, it is known the North Carolina General Assembly (“NCGA” or “Legislature”) is considering rural tourism legislation to expand casino and gaming beyond non-tribal lands in North Carolina, specifically within three counties, one of which borders northwest Guilford County; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Summerfield recognizes the Legislature’s support of rural tourism and related incentives, but is concerned about media reports of substantial early NCGA support of broader legislation that would allow casinos, entertainment districts, and Class III gaming activities on non-tribal lands without local buy-in; and,

WHEREAS, it is presumed that, even if General Statutes do not specifically allow referendums for gaming-related issues, the Legislature has the power to grant County’s or City/Town jurisdictions the authority to decide such important issues by a direct vote of the people most affected; and,

WHEREAS, legalization of casino and Class III gaming is being considered outside of metro areas specifically for Rockingham, Nash, and Anson counties, and significant public sentiment in Rockingham County suggests that North Carolinians want a voice in their rural communities regarding casinos and gaming activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Town Council on behalf of the Town of Summerfield, North Carolina, supports granting North Carolina citizens the option of local referendums in relation to specific locations for casinos, entertainment districts, and Class III gaming activities on non-tribal lands in North Carolina.

Adopted this 8th of August 2023.

Tim Sessoms, Mayor

Sarah Tibbetts, Town Clerk

(Town Seal)