

RESOLUTION THANKING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SUPPORTING THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COMPREHENSIVE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT
REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

WHEREAS, the Jordan Lake Rules mandate reducing nutrients from point source wastewater discharge and non-point source stormwater runoff in both new and existing development in the Jordan Lake Watershed; and

WHEREAS, these rules were enacted in 2009 and last amended in 2016 by adoption of session law 2016-94: Development of New Comprehensive Nutrient Management Regulatory Framework; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the State to have a comprehensive management strategy to protect and improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, comprehensive watershed nutrient management strategies and buffer rules have been implemented in several river basins and watersheds in North Carolina where surface water quality has been impaired by excess nutrients; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State to review the costs and benefits of existing nutrient management strategies and determine whether those nutrient management strategies should be modified in order to maintain and improve water quality in nutrient sensitive waters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro supports the General Assembly's effort to ensure the Jordan Lake Rules are science-based and equitable with clear and achievable goals. The absence of clear, science-based jurisdictional responsibility for reducing non-point source discharges is arbitrary, inequitable, and harms the business community and the future economic viability of all our citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO THAT:

In accordance with the statements made herein, the City of Greensboro thanks the General Assembly for the recent enactment of Session Law 2016-94 and agrees that the State should revise nutrient strategies to maintain proven measures already shown to be effective; incorporate new technological and management innovations; recognize investments in water quality already implemented by stakeholders; and ensure costs are shared on an equitable basis.