

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 5

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF THE PIEDMONT TRIAD REGION
AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

See attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: *J. Dudley Watts, Jr.* DATE: September 17, 2014
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF THE PIEDMONT TRIAD
REGION AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Forsyth County is included within the Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, in February 2014, the Piedmont Triad Regional Council Board of Delegates, comprised of representatives from Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin Counties and their municipalities, unanimously adopted TRIAD TOMORROW, a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the twelve-county Piedmont Triad Region planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Triad Regional Development Corporation (PTRDC) has been established as a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina to undertake activities that further economic development and social welfare in the Piedmont Triad Region planning area and to promote economic development and job creation by carrying out community and economic development initiatives as outlined in the adopted CEDS; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the twelve Counties within the Piedmont Triad Region planning area meet all applicable measures of economic distress for unemployment and per capita income as provided in 13CFR 301.3 for the 24-month period ending December 2013; and

WHEREAS, the PTRDC is seeking Economic Development District (EDD) designation for the Piedmont Triad Region planning area through the United States Economic Development Administration; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Piedmont Triad Region planning area as an EDD will further the community and economic development interests of the twelve-county region and greatly enhance implementation of the regional CEDS, by coordinating efforts to create jobs, build an entrepreneurial economy and attract reinvestment in communities throughout the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses and expresses support, on behalf of Forsyth County, for the application for the designation of the twelve-county Piedmont Triad Region planning area, comprised of Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin Counties and their municipalities, as an Economic Development District through the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Adopted this 22nd day of September 2014.



PIEDMONT TRIAD REGIONAL COUNCIL

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COUNTY MANAGER'S/
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

Dudley Watts
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201 North Chestnut Street
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Dear Mr. Watts:

On August 20th, 2014, our full Board of Delegates voted unanimously to adopt a revised set of bylaws restructuring the Piedmont Triad Regional Development Corporation. The Corporation is a tax exempt non-profit entity established by PTRC to encourage and oversee economic development activities across our 12-county region by functioning as an Economic Development District (EDD).

To receive EDD designation from the Federal Economic Development Administration we need a majority of our Counties to provide a Letter of Support signed by the County Manager –or– a Resolution of Support adopted by your Board of Commissioners.

Please review and act upon one of the attached templates at your earliest convenience, so we can proceed with our EDD application in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Matthew Dolge
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Walter Marshall
The Honorable Richard Linville