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RESOLUTION

COAL ASH POND CLEAN UP

WHEREAS, THE CAPE FEAR RIVER IS A NATURAL RESOURCE OF TREMENDOUS ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL IMPORTANCE FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE CAPE FEAR REGION

WHEREAS, DUKE ENERGY'S SUTTON STEAM PLANT FACILITY ON THE CAPE FEAR RIVER IS THE SITE OF UNLINED COAL ASH PONDS THAT HAVE CONTAMINATED GROUND WATER IN THE SURROUNDING AREA, AS WELL AS SUTTON LAKE

WHEREAS THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES HAS SWORN UNDER OATH THAT THE SUTTON COAL ASH PONDS CONTINUE TO ILLEGALLY POLLUTE.

WHEREAS CONTAMINATED GROUNDWATER POSES SUCH A THREAT TO DRINKING WATER WELLS FOR THE FLEMINGTON COMMUNITY THAT DUKE ENERGY AND THE CAPE FEAR PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY ENTERED A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WHEREIN DUKE WOULD PAY THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE COSTS TO RUN A NEW WATER SUPPLY LINE TO FLEMINGTON

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED SUTTON LAKE ON THE CAPE FEAR RIVER IS THE SITE OF UNLINED COAL ASH PONDS THAT HAS CONTAMINATED THE GROUND WATER IN THE SURROUNDING AREA

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE RESIDENTS OF NEW HANOVER COUNTY REQUEST THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES CEASE BEING COMPLICIT WITH THE OFFENDER, DUKE ENERGY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT EVERY NORTH CAROLINA CITIZEN DESERVES SAFE CLEAN WATER

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITIZENS OF EVERY AFFECTED AREA IN NORTH CAROLINA DEMAND THE SAFE REMOVAL OF THESE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS AWAY FROM OUR WATER SOURCES AND INTO LINED AND CAPPED LANDFILLS.

*Adopted by Precinct Cape Fear -01 on March 18, 2014
Earla Jean Pope, Precinct Chair*

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