



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AGRICULTURE AND NORTH CAROLINA'S FARMERS

WHEREAS, Agri-tourism in North Carolina aids and assists in the diversification and revitalization of family farms and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Agri-tourism offers a variety of recreational and educational opportunities for visitors to Sampson County and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and agribusiness are the number one industry in North Carolina contributing \$85 billion to North Carolina's economy; and

WHEREAS, Sampson County, where 48% of our county is farmed and more than 50% of our employment is linked to agriculture, ranks #1 in NC Farm Cash Receipts and is the most diverse agricultural county in the state; and

WHEREAS, our nation enjoys a food supply that is abundant, affordable and among the world's safest, thanks in large part to the efficiency and productivity of North Carolina's farmers; and

WHEREAS, our farmers provide the food, fuel and fiber for our state and our country; and

WHEREAS, agriculture touches the life of everyone, whether it be in our daily meals or the clothes we wear; and

WHEREAS, farming supports other community businesses and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that we are going to need to increase food production by at least 70 per cent by 2050 to meet the growing world food demands; and

WHEREAS, we are losing farmland at an alarming rate and it is getting progressively more difficult to recruit and retain farmers willing to work our state's land; and

WHEREAS, we desire to support our agricultural industry and our farmers and encourage a safe and abundant food supply; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Directors of the Sampson County Convention and Visitors Bureau, hereby support the NC Farm Act of 2018, and our agricultural community and our agricultural heritage.

ADOPTED the 10th day of September 2018.

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Julie Stadig, Chair, Sampson County CVB

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Richert", is written over a horizontal line.

Susan Richert, Clerk to the Board