

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WATAUGA

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
OCCUPANCY TAX IN WATAUGA COUNTY DISTRICT U**

WHEREAS, Session Law 2005-197, Senate Bill 92, as ratified the 18th day of July, 2005, authorizes Watauga County to create a taxing district as located outside the incorporated areas within the County, and

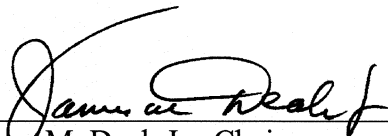
WHEREAS, Watauga County Commissioners wish to establish an Occupancy Tax of 6% of the gross receipts derived from the rental of any room, lodging, or accommodations furnished by hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or similar place within the district that is subject to sales tax as imposed by the State under G. S. 105-164.4(a)(3), and

WHEREAS, this tax will be administered locally as provided in G. S. 153A – 155, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Watauga County Board of Commissioners authorizes the establishment and collection of the Occupancy Tax at 6% to become effective July 1, 2006, and;

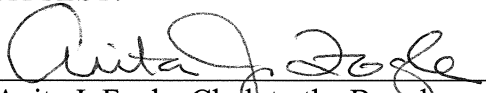
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Watauga County Board of Commissioners establishes a Watauga County District U Tourism Development Authority that will consist of 6 members whose initial terms of office shall be as follows: 2 members serving 1 year terms, 2 members serving 2 year terms, and 2 members serving 3 year terms. All subsequent terms of appointment will be 3 year terms. At least one-third of the membership will be individuals who are affiliated with the businesses that collect the tax in the district and at least one-half of the membership will be individuals who are currently working in the promotion of travel and tourism in the district. The members and chair shall be appointed by the Commissioners.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of December, 2005.



James M. Deal, Jr., Chairman
Watauga County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

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