

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ONSLOW

RESOLUTION 18-010
SUPPORTING AGRICULTURE IN NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, frivolous nuisance lawsuits are threatening the very existence of farming in North Carolina; and,

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

WHEREAS, Onslow County has 489,752 total farming acres under the 2012 Census of Agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016 Onslow County was ranked 23rd in the State for agriculture cash receipts, totaling 151.9 million dollars; and,

WHEREAS, we enjoy 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, Onslow County farmers locally produce broilers, cattle, hogs, turkeys, corn, soybeans, wheat, tobacco, peanuts, and cotton; and,

WHEREAS, our Nation's 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, 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 need to support our agricultural industry, farmers and encourage a safe and abundant food supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Onslow County Board of Commissioners do hereby support the passage of Senate Bill 711-NC Farm Act of 2018 and strongly encourage citizens to contact your legislative delegation.

ADOPTED this the 20th day of August 2018.

ATTEST:

ONSLOW COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Julie S. Wand
Julie S. Wand, Clerk to the Board

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Jack Bright, Chairman

