

Resolution 1: Currituck County

RESOLUTION OF THE CURRITUCK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PETITIONING FOR NORTH CAROLINA DEVELOPMENT TIER REFORM

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Commerce has designated [Currituck County](#)

as a **Tier 3** county for the 2026 calendar year, ranking it as one of the least economically distressed counties in the state; and

WHEREAS, this designation requires a **one-to-one local matching fund** for many state infrastructure and economic development grants, effectively creating a "Success Tax" that penalizes Currituck for its rapid growth; and

WHEREAS, the current Tier formula relies on county-wide averages that mask the significant infrastructure deficits on the Currituck mainland, where a lack of water and sewer capacity prevents local "backyard entrepreneurs" from transitioning into permanent brick-and-mortar storefronts; and

WHEREAS, Currituck County suffers from significant **retail leakage**, with a substantial portion of its workforce and consumer base forced to cross the state line into Virginia for jobs and services due to a lack of local commercial infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the [NC Chamber](#) and past local business leadership have advocated for a more nuanced, project-specific approach to infrastructure funding through initiatives like the **State Infrastructure Bank** (established by HB 909);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Currituck County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The Board formally petitions the North Carolina General Assembly to reform the North Carolina Development Tier System to include **project-specific economic data** and census-tract-level analysis.
2. The Board requests that the State adjust matching fund requirements to recognize the unique infrastructure pressures faced by high-growth "gateway" counties.
3. The Clerk to the Board is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Currituck legislative delegation and the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

ADOPTED this the [DAY] day of [MONTH], 2026.

[NAME], Chair

ATTEST: [NAME], Clerk to the Board