

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 463, “NORTH CAROLINA FARMLAND AND MILITARY PROTECTION ACT”

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2023, House Bill 463, referenced therein as the “North Carolina Farmland and Military Protection Act” (the “Act”), was filed in the North Carolina House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that it is in the public interest for the State to guard its agricultural land from the potential of adversarial foreign government control in order to ensure that the State’s farmers are able to produce a safe, abundant, and affordable supply of food and fiber for the benefit of the people of the State of North Carolina and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Act generally provides that no adversarial foreign government shall purchase, acquire, lease, or hold any interest in agricultural land or land situated within a 25-mile radius of a military installation; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly did not fully adopt House Bill 463; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Commissioners agrees that safeguarding and preserving farmland from adversarial foreign government interests in order to secure a safe, abundant, and affordable supply of food and agricultural products is a matter of critical importance to the residents of Union County, particularly those who own or live near agricultural land in Union County; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Commissioners believe that adoption of the Act, or a similar bill in the next biennial session of the General Assembly, would assist in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Union County and the State of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Union County Board of Commissioners requests that the General Assembly adopt, and that the Union County Legislative Delegation support the adoption of, House Bill 463, the “NC Farmland and Military Protection Act,” or a similar bill in the next biennial session of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Union County Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2024.

Chair, Union County Board of Commissioners