

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HILLANDALE GOLF COURSE BY THE  
WATTS HOSPITAL-HILLANDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:

WHEREAS, nearly one hundred years ago Durham business leader, city councilman, and philanthropist John Sprunt Hill made his private golf course at Hillandale farm available to the citizens of Durham for their recreation and enjoyment as part of the Durham Country Club; and

WHEREAS, throughout the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Mr. Hill continued to support the golf course and the club with his own resources so that it would continue to benefit the people of Durham; and

WHEREAS, when, because the Great Depression and World War II made the operation of the golf course and the country club as private institutions impossible, Mr. Hill gave the clubhouse to the City of Durham and placed Hillandale Golf Course in a trust with financial resources to sustain it for the benefit of the people of Durham; and

WHEREAS, because of Mr. Hill's foresight and generosity, for more than 50 years Hillandale Golf Course has made the game of golf available to thousands of citizens of modest means; and

WHEREAS, Hillandale Golf Course is an ornament to the City of Durham, its pleasant acres of rolling greensward providing open space, natural beauty, and relief from the stress and congestion of the city; and

WHEREAS, the golf course is a necessary fixture and element in the landscape defining the west Durham communities that surround it including the Watts Hospital-Hillandale neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the trust that Mr. Hill created has exhausted its resources and must now dissolve and dispose of the golf course; and

WHEREAS, the trustees, consistent with Mr. Hill's original intent and purpose, have offered the golf course to the City of Durham so that it may continue to serve the people and promote their welfare;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Watts Hospital-Hillandale Neighborhood Association that the officers of the association should call upon the manager and council of the City of Durham to accept the offer made by the trust and to operate Hillandale Golf Course as a public recreational amenity open to all people at reasonable cost perpetuating thereby Mr. Hill's philanthropy and his gift of beauty, open space, and recreation.

This 1st day of November, 2011.

THE WATTS HOSPITAL-HILLANDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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