

RESOLUTION # _____

SUPPORTING THE UPPER NEUSE RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION FY2015 FUNDING LEVEL OF \$812,000 TO SUPPORT THE RE-EXAMINATION OF FALLS LAKE STAGE 2 GOALS

WHEREAS, the City of Durham and its citizens have been leaders in protecting the environment through wastewater treatment, water quality protection, land use regulation, buffer protection, open space preservation, and stormwater regulation;

WHEREAS, the City of Durham approved the *Consensus Principles to Guide Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy* on February 17, 2009 as an integrated and interconnected set of principles to guide further action on development of rules and regulations regarding Falls Lake;

WHEREAS, the Consensus Principles requested the NC Environmental Management Commission to re-examine the nutrient management strategy for Falls Lake in advance of actions to begin implementing Stage 2 of the strategy;

WHEREAS, City elected officials and staff continue to be active in the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) and the Falls Lake stakeholder process, and these cooperative efforts have established mechanisms of regional cooperation on watershed issues;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Durham finds that working cooperatively with other jurisdictions will further the City of Durham's and its citizens' best interests in achieving reasonable and cost effective management of Falls Lake;

WHEREAS, the City of Durham supports re-examination of the nutrient management strategy for the Falls Lake watershed that are based on sound science and that address all significant sources of pollution to the Lake in a manner that is equitable, cost-efficient and reasonable;

WHEREAS, the UNRBA has retained a contractor to develop and implement a field monitoring plan to accomplish a re-examination of the nutrient management strategy for the Falls Lake watershed;

WHEREAS, the UNRBA Board of Directors has decided to fund the FY2015 monitoring at \$650,000.00;

WHEREAS, the UNRBA Board of Directors has decided to fund the Executive Director and administrative assistant at \$162,000.00 in FY2015;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURHAM:

Supports a) cooperative funding of the UNRBA at a level of \$812,000 and b) an FY2015 contribution by the City of Durham of \$184,404.28 in FY2015 to accomplish the monitoring needed for a re-examination of the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy goals.

This Resolution is effective upon adoption.