



**RE: Illegal Immigration and enforcement of the rule of law**

## **Rule of Law Resolution**

**Whereas,** *a Governments primary role is to provide for the protection of its inhabitants and property and the preservation of peace and good order therein; and*

**Whereas,** *the county is within it's authority to adopt such measures as it deems expedient to secure and promote the health, safety and general welfare of its inhabitants which are not inconsistent with the general laws of the State; and*

**Whereas,** *the Chatham County Republican party believes legal immigration has been a benefit to the county and the state of North Carolina and is one of the core principles upon which our thriving society is built; and*

**Whereas,** *the Chatham County Republican party believes illegal immigration often causes economic hardship and lawlessness as well as being detrimental to the safety and welfare of legal citizens;*

**Now, Therefore,** *be it resolved that the Chatham County Republican party does hereby denounce the passage of the Chatham County Commissioners Resolution opposing any local governmental agency contracting with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws.*

**Be it further resolved** *that the Chatham County Republican party supports the cooperation of local law enforcement agencies and ICE to include but not limited to a signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Homeland Security and ICE and/or by joining the Secure Communities program.*