

**NORTH CAROLINA  
SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING CONTINUATION IN THE NORTH  
CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND  
CONSUMER SERVICES OF THE STATE'S RESEARCH  
STATIONS AND THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND**

**Whereas**, the General Assembly established in 2009 the North Carolina Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council to address program and policy considerations regarding the development of a sustainable local food economy in North Carolina; **and**

**Whereas**, the General Assembly established in 2005 the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund to encourage the preservation of agricultural, horticultural and forest lands to foster the growth, development and sustainability of family farms; **and**

**Whereas**, the Department has effectively managed its crop and livestock facilities to better serve as a platform for agriculture research and to make farming more efficient, productive, and profitable, while maintaining a sound environment and providing consumers with safe and affordable products; **and**

**Whereas**, the Council finds that it is critical to integrate a coordinated effort of farmland preservation, research, marketing, etc into the development of a sustainable local food economy; **and**

**Whereas**, the Department's integrated programs have proven to be an important part of the Council's effort to rebuild our local food infrastructure and our local food economy that will benefit North Carolina by creating jobs, stimulating statewide economic development, preserve open space, decrease the use of fossil fuel, preserve and protect the natural environment, increase consumer access to fresh and nutritious foods, and provide greater security for all North Carolinians;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the North Carolina Sustainable Local Food Advisory Council urges the General Assembly of North Carolina to:

1. Retain in the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services the administration and ownership of the Research Stations as provided in a strategic plan for operation of the research stations

2. Retain in the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services the Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Program and maintain funding to protect valuable farmlands across North Carolina
3. Require that any lands sold or redistributed from the Research Stations be done so under a permanent conservation easement that will maintain these properties as farm or forest lands and that any funds received in the sale of said properties be appropriated to the ADFP Trust Fund.

**Further Be It Resolved** that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Governor and to the members of the North Carolina General Assembly

Adopted