

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has conducted autopsies under a county funded Medical Examiner for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner has conducted autopsies for surrounding counties under a contract with the Department of Health and Human Services of the State of North Carolina (the state); and

WHEREAS, the contract between Mecklenburg County and the state has covered Mecklenburg county costs of providing Medical Examiner services for surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, the state has expressed a desire to renegotiate the agreement between Mecklenburg County and the state at terms that are less than the current negotiated contract and therefore would not fully cover the cost of conducting Medical Examiner operations in Charlotte/Mecklenburg; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County residents would be required to subsidize the State's share of the cost of autopsies for the regional facility under such an agreement; **now, therefore, be it**

RESOLVED, The Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners will not provide funding to subsidize the Medical Examiner's office to cover the State's proportionate share of cost of providing Medical Examiner services as a regional facility; and the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners instructs staff to only enter into a contract with the state that maintains the current funding relationship or provides sufficient funds to cover the cost of services that Mecklenburg County has voluntarily elected to provide.