

**JOINT RESOLUTION
REGARDING LAKE NORMAN TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to "An Act to Establish the Lake Norman Marine Commission" enacted as Chapter 1089 of the 1969 Session Laws (the "Act"), the counties of Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln and Mecklenburg adopted resolutions which created the Lake Norman Marine Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Norman Marine Commission has operated continuously since its establishment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Resolution adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on May 5, 2025, Lincoln County has withdrawn from the Commission effective June 30, 2025, and the Commission is therefore dissolved pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 9 (a) of the Act reads as follows:

Sec. 9. Enforcement. (a) Where a joint resolution so provides, all law enforcement officers (or such officers as may be designated in the joint resolution) with territorial jurisdiction as to any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area shall, within the limitations of their subject matter jurisdiction, have the authority of peace officers in enforcing the laws over all of Lake Norman and its shoreline area; and

Sec. 9. (c) All courts in the four counties, within the limits of their subject matter jurisdiction shall have concurrent jurisdiction as to all criminal offenses arising within the boundaries of Lake Norman and its shoreline area, and

Sec 9. (d) Where a law enforcement officer with jurisdiction over any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area is performing duties relating to the enforcement of the laws on Lake Norman or in its shoreline area, he shall have such extra-territorial jurisdiction as may be necessary to perform such duties, and

WHEREAS, Catawba County previously adopted a Joint Resolution Regarding Lake Norman Territorial Jurisdiction (No. 2015-05) dated the 6th day of April 2015 which established the authority for the enforcement of laws over all of Lake Norman, and its shoreline, to any and all law enforcement officers having jurisdiction over any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline, and the above-described Joint Resolution is still valid; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Iredell, Mecklenburg and Lincoln Counties adopted the same Joint Resolution described above and all previously adopted joint resolutions relating to Sections 9(a)(c)(d) of the Act are not affected by Lincoln County's withdrawal from the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Commissioners for each respective County of Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln and Mecklenburg has determined it would be in the best interest of the residents of each County to reiterate and re-establish the previously adopted Joint Resolution relating to the territorial jurisdiction of all law enforcement officers having jurisdiction over any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area to be expanded as authorized by Sec. 9 (a)(c)(d) of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, as authorized by Sec. 9 (a) of Chapter 1089 of the 1969 Session Laws, that all law enforcement officers with territorial jurisdiction as to any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area shall, within the limitations of their subject matter jurisdiction, continue to have the authority of peace officers in enforcing the laws over all of Lake Norman and its shoreline area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Joint Resolution be forwarded by the Clerk to the Board to the governing bodies of Iredell, Lincoln and Catawba Counties and to the Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Commission.

Adopted the ____ day of May, 2025.

Mark D. Jerrell, Chair
Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners

Approved as to Form

County Attorney

Clerk to the Board