## TOWN OF FRANKLIN



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A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "FRACKING," ABSENT GUARANTEED PROTECTIONS TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF RESIDENTS OF FRANKLIN, NC.

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking" is a method of extracting natural gas that involves the injecting, at an extremely high pressure, a mixture of water, sand, and a cocktail of toxic chemicals to break up shale or other rock formations otherwise impermeable to the flow of natural gas; and,

WHEREAS, as of June 4, 2014, North Carolina began considering "fracking" after Governor Pat McCrory lifted the moratorium on fracking, through the Energy Modernization Act, allowing permits to be issued in early 2015; and,

WHEREAS, fracking's use of potentially lethal amounts of carcinogenic chemicals detrimental to the health of the public as well as the local environment; and it is illegal to divulge those chemicals, causing it to be difficult to show that a fracking company is in fact responsible for problems with ground water supply affecting humans, livestock and wild animals, and all health hazards and environmental damages that have resulted; and,

WHEREAS, it is unknown the effect on the atmosphere and the climate that releasing greenhouse gases will have and the potential environmental impact, including earthquakes and landslides that can result from hydraulic fracturing; and,

WHEREAS, local governments must retain the authority to make decisions regarding environmental health, the Franklin Board of Aldermen and the Mayor believe town officials should have the right to pass regulations and ordinances regarding fracturing to protect the health of its visitors and residents; and,

WHEREAS, Franklin is a vigorous community which realizes that the environment is a strong attraction both economically and livability from the present to future generations, the Town of Franklin urges state officials to not explore further horizontal hydraulic fracking in any part of North Carolina, specifically not in the Town of Franklin or the immediate vicinity of Franklin, until the safety of the process and the chemicals used in the process are fully investigated by all local, state and federal environmental protection agencies and public health agencies.

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Robert S. Scott, Mayor

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