

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: JULY 28, 2014 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 20

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
LIEUTENANT COLONEL BENJAMIN FORSYTH FOR WHOM FORSYTH COUNTY
WAS NAMED

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

See attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: *J. Dudley Abotts, Jr.* DATE: July 23, 2014
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
LIEUTENANT COLONEL BENJAMIN FORSYTH
FOR WHOM FORSYTH COUNTY WAS NAMED**

WHEREAS, Benjamin Forsyth was born in the early 1760's in Virginia to James and Elizabeth Forsyth, and settled in Stokes County, North Carolina around 1786; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Forsyth bought and sold many tracts of land in Stokes County and what is now Forsyth County, North Carolina during his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forsyth served in the North Carolina General Assembly from 1807-1808 and on July 1, 1808, Benjamin Forsyth was commissioned a Captain in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, during his service in the War of 1812, Captain Forsyth established a reputation for personal bravery and great ability; on January 20, 1813, he was promoted to the rank of Major and on April 15, 1814 he was commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel following more distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 1814, Lieutenant Colonel Forsyth was killed during a battle near Odeltown, Canada; and

WHEREAS, in 1849 when Stokes County was divided into two counties, one of which retained the name, Stokes; the new County was named Forsyth in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Forsyth; and

WHEREAS, in 1917 the North Carolina General Assembly adopted a resolution of appreciation for the public services rendered by the late Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Forsyth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and honors the life and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Forsyth.

Adopted this the 28th day of July 2014.