

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the State of South Carolina provides financial support of **Public Education** to Public School Districts based on a formula that considers each County's "Tax Paying Ability"; and

Whereas, such relative Tax Paying Ability is currently calculated on the basis of relative "wealth", which is defined as the assessed value of properties within each County without regard to wage rates, poverty rates, numbers of school children who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch or any other measure that might reasonably be considered; and

Whereas, families with children in public schools tend to be working families whose "wealth" may be reasonably measured by the average weekly wage within the county without regard to values of real property; and

Whereas, Average Wage Rates is a clear measure of "Tax Paying Ability" for citizens in each School District in South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, County Council of Beaufort County hereby **RESOLVES** to support enactment of Legislation which would include **Average Wage Rates** in its formula for calculating Tax Paying Ability as used to determine the State's allocation of Public Education funding.

Adopted this 24th day of July, 2006.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: Wm. Weston J. Newton
Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey
Suzanne M. Rainey, Clerk to Council