

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HB 551/SB 595

WHEREAS, Marsy’s Law for North Carolina and advocacy organizations statewide are dedicated to guaranteeing victims’ rights and providing a voice; and

WHEREAS, Marsy’s Law for North Carolina supporters agree victims should always be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process, protected from the defendant, reasonably heard at public proceedings regarding their case, and given a voice through the process of the case; and

WHEREAS, per the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) most recent “Crime in the United States” report, in 2013 a total of 33,700 North Carolinians were the victim of Violent “Index Crimes” including: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson; and

WHEREAS, Marsy’s Law for North Carolina will ensure that victims receive the same rights that are afforded to criminals and have rights to notification of release, hearings, appropriate restitution, and the right to speak during criminal proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Victims’ Rights is a non-partisan, non-political issue, and Marsy’s Law is a common sense approach to ensuring Victims’ Rights.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Huntersville supports HB 551/SB 595 (Marsy’s Law) and encourage our citizens to join in the commitment to protect the rights of North Carolina crime victims.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2017.

John Aneralla, Mayor of Huntersville

ATTEST:

Janet Pierson
Town Clerk