

# TOWN OF STOKESDALE



R-2023-08

## A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FOR THE GRANTING OF LOCAL REFERENDUM AUTHORITY REGARDING CASINO AND GAMING LEGISLATION FOR NON-TRIBAL LANDS IN NORTH CAROLINA

**WHEREAS**, it is known the North Carolina General Assembly (“NCGA” or “Legislature”) is considering rural tourism legislation to expand casino and gaming beyond non-tribal lands in North Carolina, specifically within three counties, one of which borders northwest Guilford County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Stokesdale recognizes the Legislature’s support of rural tourism and related incentives, but is concerned about media reports of substantial early NCGA support of broader legislation that would allow casinos, entertainment districts, and Class III gaming activities on non-tribal lands without local buy-in; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is presumed that, even if General Statutes do not specifically allow referendums for gaming-related issues, the Legislature has the power to grant County’s or City/Town jurisdictions the authority to decide such important issues by a direct vote of the people most affected; and,

**WHEREAS**, legalization of casino and Class III gaming is being considered outside of metro areas specifically for Rockingham, Nash, and Anson counties, and significant public sentiment in Rockingham County suggests that North Carolinians want a voice in their rural communities regarding casinos and gaming activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Town Council on behalf of the Town of Stokesdale, North Carolina, supports granting North Carolina citizens the option of local referendums in relation to specific locations for casinos, entertainment districts, and Class III gaming activities on non-tribal lands in North Carolina.

Adopted this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

  
Michael E. Crawford, Mayor

Attest:

  
Robbie Lee Wagoner II, Town Clerk

