

**RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE TO MAYOR CHUCK TRAVIS' ONGOING
ADVOCACY OF I-77 TOLLS**

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2015 this town board unanimously passed resolution 2015-0776 requesting a 90-day deferral of the financial closing of the I-77 managed lanes project, and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2015 this town board unanimously passed resolution 2015-0779 requesting termination of the contract between I-77 Mobility Partners and NCDOT for the I-77 managed lanes project, and

WHEREAS, opposition to the I-77 managed lanes project has resulted in an extraordinary grass roots movement involving the citizenry and business community of Cornelius and other towns in the Lake Norman region, and

WHEREAS, our local Chamber of Commerce, representing almost one thousand regional businesses, has stepped up to help lead the fight against I-77 Tolls with the Chamber's President quoted last week, "this toll plan will be the greatest calamity ever perpetuated on business and our quality of life in the Lake Norman – Charlotte region for the next 50 years"

WHEREAS, on November 19th and 20th Mayor Travis traveled to Texas to view managed lanes built and operated by Cintra, the parent of I-77 Mobility Partners, and to continue discussing their efficacy with Cintra executives, NCDOT, and public employees, all of whom support private managed lanes, and,

WHEREAS, upon return Mayor Travis issued a press release reflecting the opinions of the above executives, officials and employees, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Travis neither consulted with nor sought approval from the town board for this trip and subsequent press release, and

WHEREAS, this trip was organized and paid for by Mayor Travis personally, and

WHEREAS, the town recognizes and affirms Mayor Travis' First Amendment right of free speech and association,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the citizens we represent, that the Cornelius Board of Commissioners hereby reaffirm our unequivocal opposition to the I-77 Managed lanes project and, further, find Mayor Travis' recent actions and statements on the I-77 managed lanes issue to be in opposition to the views of this town board and the community we represent and, further, find that his statements and actions are his personal views and not those of the Town of Cornelius or this town board.