



# RANDOLPH COUNTY

## Historic Landmark Preservation Commission

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### **Resolution Recommending Local Historic Landmark Designation Sandy Creek Primitive Baptist Church (1802)**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3C of the North Carolina General Statutes provides for the designation of local historic landmarks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners has appointed the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission, having the authority to exercise, all powers and duties given it by the Randolph County Historic Preservation Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission has taken into consideration all information contained in the Historic Landmark Designation Application for the exterior of the Sandy Creek Primitive Baptist Church (1802) requested and filed by the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission on January 28, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office, has reviewed the Local Landmark Application and noted that the exterior of the Sandy Creek Primitive Baptist Church (1802) possesses the requisite historical significance and integrity required for local landmark designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission conducted the required public hearing, having published legal notices with mailings to adjoining property owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1802 Sandy Creek Primitive Baptist Church is the oldest organized church and oldest surviving religious structure in Randolph County, and whose founding, in 1755, by Elder Shubal Stearns, was the most significant landmark in Baptist history being considered the “mother, nay a grandmother, and great grandmother that all Separate Baptist sprang hence”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission finds that the Sandy Creek Primitive Baptist Church (1802) meets the following specific criteria outlined in the adopting Ordinance establishing the Commission: (1) Critical Part of the County’s Heritage by having value as an example of the cultural, historic, and social heritage of Randolph County; (2) The location of the Sandy Creek Primitive Baptist Church (1802) provides a unique and distinctive structure representing an established and familiar visual presence Randolph County; and

**WHEREAS**, the property is more specifically described as follows:

The exterior of the 1802 structure located at 785 Sandy Creek Church Road, Liberty, North Carolina, PIN# 8705958454.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009, that the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission approves the request for local landmark designation, and recommends to the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, North Carolina, that the Sandy Creek Primitive Baptist Church (1802) be designated as a Local Historic Landmark.

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**Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission**

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**Attest:** Amanda Varner  
Clerk to the Commission

**Date:** February 25, 2009