

Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission



Resolution of Recognition

WHEREAS, the Corporate Seal of the County of Randolph was established in the late 1800s or early 1900s by the Randolph County Commissioners as the official means of authenticating county documents; and

WHEREAS, no official Randolph County seal existed prior to the Civil War, during which period all local officials were appointed by the legislature; and

WHEREAS, reforms enacted after the Civil War included direct election of county officials, and established popularly-elected boards of county commissioners as the counties' governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, state legislation describing the corporate powers of county governments authorizes a county to "have a common seal and alter it and renew it at will"; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Seal of the County of Randolph is comprised of two engraved plates which imprint a three-dimensional image into a document by means of a seal press patented in 1883; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Seal of the County of Randolph Seal depicts a pastoral scene prominently featuring a leafy tree, with the sun climbing over hills in the background, with the words, "Randolph County Commissioners" and "North Carolina" ringing the central scene; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Seal of the County of Randolph connects the modern form of county government to a time when the people gained the power to choose their local officials; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Seal of the County of Randolph remains in use as the stamp of official and authentic county government documents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the official recognition as a Randolph County Cultural Heritage Object is given to the

CORPORATE SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF RANDOLPH

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is approved by the Historic Landmark Preservation Commission and recorded in its minutes, with appropriate history and photographs placed on the Commission's historical website, and a suitable copy of the Resolution presented to the recipient.

Approved this 28th Day of March, 2017.

L. McKay Whatley, Chairman

Resolution Number 2017-2