

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
A Proclamation by the Executive Committee

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Benjamin Ernest Nichols is a dedicated and exceptional public servant who started his public service career in November 1971 and has loyally served as both a career and volunteer providing thirty-nine (39) years of public service to the citizens of the Stoney Point and Fayetteville Fire Departments, Cumberland County and the Great State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Benjamin Ernest Nichols began his membership with the Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association in nineteen-hundred-eighty-one (1981), and during his thirty (30) year enthusiastic and outstanding association tenure, served on numerous local and State Hazardous Material Committees, and was appointed to the North Carolina State 9-1-1 Board; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Benjamin Ernest Nichols in addition to his fire service career, served as a sworn law enforcement officer with both the Fayetteville Police Department and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, serving honorably; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association recognizes his exceptional achievements throughout his extraordinary membership, and commends him for a job very well done; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Benjamin Ernest Nichols a devoted husband, father and grandfather is described by his contemporaries, friends and fellow chiefs as a caring true friend, positive, professional, helpful, understanding and always available; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Benjamin Ernest Nichols long and admirable fire service career ended on June 30, 2011; and he will genuinely be missed, both professionally and personally by all who have had the pleasure to have known him and the good fortune to work with him; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the members of the Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association, Cumberland County and the Great State of North Carolina, we would like to thank and honor Fire Chief Benjamin Ernest Nichols for his countless years of devoted and honorable service to our Association, County and State; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Benjamin Ernest Nichols applied for and meets all the prerequisites as outlined in Article 2, Section 3.4.1 of the Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association By-Laws pertaining to Honorary Life Time Membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FREDDY L. JOHNSON SR., PRESIDENT OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION, do hereby proclaim ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP to and in honor of

Fire Chief Benjamin Ernest Nichols

In Witness Thereof this 22nd day of September 2014




FREDDY L. JOHNSON SR., CFO
Fire Chief / President


MARK A. MELVIN, CFO
Fire Chief / Secretary