

**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF
PIEDMONT AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the cities of Burlington, Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem are the four largest cities within an area meeting the criteria of N.C.Gen. Stat. § 160A-632 for creation of a Regional Transportation Authority as defined by N.C.Gen. Stat. § 160A-631(1); and the city councils of each of those cities have submitted to the Secretary of State of North Carolina certified copies of resolutions, which include Articles of Incorporation for the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation, and proofs of publication required by N.C.Gen. Stat. § 160A-633; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State of North Carolina finds that the resolutions, including the Articles of Incorporation conform to the provisions of Article 27, Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, and that the notices of hearing were properly published; and

WHEREAS, the organizing cities of the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation are the cities of Burlington, Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem, and that they have signified their determination to organize a Regional Transportation Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation is duly incorporated as a body corporate and politic of the State of North Carolina organized in accordance with the provisions of Article 27, Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General statutes, with all the rights, privileges, powers and authority accorded a Regional Transportation Authority by the provisions of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as of the date set forth hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State of North Carolina, at the City of Raleigh, Wake County, this the 17th day of July, 1998.


Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

