

Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Certificate

July 1, 2014

By publicly posting the following written disclosure, **Wilkes County** intends that market participants receive and use it for purposes of the independent registered municipal advisor exemption to the SEC Municipal Advisor Rule.

Wilkes County has retained an independent registered municipal advisor. **Wilkes County** is represented by and will rely on its municipal advisor **FirstSouthwest** to provide advice on proposals from financial services firms concerning the issuance of municipal securities and municipal financial products (including investments of bond proceeds and escrow investments). The individual with primary responsibility for advising **Wilkes County** on such matters are **Janice Burke, Rick Petillo and Kelly Cavender**. This certificate may be relied upon until otherwise withdrawn by us.