



**RESOLUTION OF THE IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN
SUPPORT OF A REFERENDUM TO THE VOTERS REGARDING THE
STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD**

WHEREAS, the terms of the members of the Iredell County Board of Commissioners are currently set forth as provided in G.S. § 153A-58(2)(d) in that the Board consists “of an odd number of members, who are elected for a combination of four-and two-year terms of office, so that a majority of members is elected each two years”; and

WHEREAS, this current structure, which has the two candidates with the highest vote total elected for four-year terms and the candidate with the third highest votes elected for a two-year term, was proposed and put forth to the voters by referendum in the November 5, 1974 election; and

WHEREAS, the referendum of the November 5, 1974 election resulted in 10,098 Iredell County votes in favor of changing to this current structure beginning in the 1976 election; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the current members of the Board of Commissioners believe it is in the best interest of the citizens of Iredell County to change the structure of the Board so that all terms are four years and overlapping for continuity as set forth in G.S. § 153A-58(2)(c), provided the question is put forth to the voters, having made the change to the current structure in 1976.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners request or otherwise direct the initiation of a change in the structure of the Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The Board calls for a special election to be conducted by the Iredell County Board of Elections in accordance with G.S. § 163-287. The special election shall be held on March 5, 2024 with the ballot questions as follows:

**PROPOSED BALLOT QUESTION AS TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

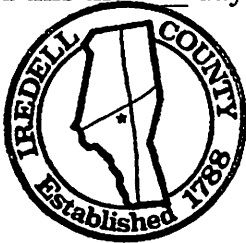
**COUNTY OF IREDELL, NORTH CAROLINA
MARCH 5, 2024 REFERENDUM**

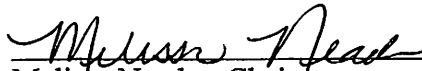
Shall the structure of the Board of Commissioners be altered so that members of the Board of Commissioners are elected for overlapping four-year terms in accordance with G.S. § 153A-58(2)(c).

- YES
 NO

2. If so passed by the voters of Iredell County, it shall be effective with the general election occurring in November of 2026 and the Board of Commissioner seats to be filled during said election. As explanation, three seats will be up for election in November of 2026 and the three candidates with the highest votes will each have a four-year term; further, two seats will be up for election in November of 2028 and the two candidates with the highest votes will each have a four-year term. When three seats are again up for election in November of 2030, the candidates with the three highest votes will each have a four-year term.
3. Upon adoption, the Clerk to the Board is directed to publish this resolution in full and promptly deliver this resolution to the Iredell County Board of Elections.

Adopted this the 5th day of December, 2023.




Melissa Neader, Chair
Iredell County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Amy B. Anderson
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners