

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1965 SESSION

CHAPTER 1011
HOUSE BILL 589

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH HISTORIC HALIFAX AS A STATE HISTORIC SITE AND TO
2 APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES RELATING THERETO.

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4 WHEREAS, the Colonial Town of Halifax is one of the most significant historic
5 sites in North Carolina, it being there that the famous Halifax Resolves of April 12, 1776,
6 sounded the first call by one of the Thirteen Colonies for independence from Great Britain and
7 there that the first constitution of the Independent State was drawn and adopted in 1776; and

8 WHEREAS, through private and public means a number of historic sites and
9 structures have been acquired and restored, including the Constitution House, now the property
10 of the State of North Carolina, but others should be acquired and developed; and

11 WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has always taken an important part in the
12 Historic Halifax program and thereby recognized its importance as a historic site and has now
13 acquired the Constitution House, one of the key historic properties; and

14 WHEREAS, Historic Halifax now calls for expansion and completion, including the
15 purchase of a number of additional properties and their restoration, and operation on a full-time
16 basis as a historic site; and

17 WHEREAS, The Historical Halifax Restoration Association being without the
18 necessary means for the above purposes, has formally offered title to its properties, valued at
19 eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00), to the State of North Carolina at no cost and the
20 State Historic Sites Advisory Committee has found the site to be authentic and worthy of
21 restoration and development, and that plans for developing and operating the project are
22 feasible: Now, therefore,

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24 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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26 **Section 1.** There is hereby established Historic Halifax State Historic Site in and
27 adjacent to the Town of Halifax, North Carolina.

28 **Sec. 2.** There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Archives and History the
29 sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be used for the purchase and development of
30 additional historic properties in Historic Halifax.

31 **Sec. 3.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

32 **Sec. 4.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1965.

33 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 14th day of June,
34 1965.