

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**HOUSE BILL 785**

Short Title: Funds/New Bern's 300th Anniversary. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Underhill and Wainwright (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 26, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE TERCENTENARY  
2 CELEBRATION OF THE CITY OF NEW BERN.  
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4       Whereas, the City of New Bern is the second oldest city in North Carolina; and

5       Whereas, in many ways, the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of New Bern is the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
6 of the Colony and State of North Carolina; and

7       Whereas, city, county, and private sources are estimated to contribute over 70% of  
8 the \$2.15 million in anniversary celebration funds; and

9       Whereas, it is imperative that the State ensure the continuing success of New Bern  
10 and its importance to North Carolina and the nation; Now, therefore,  
11 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

12       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the New Bern 300<sup>th</sup>  
13 Anniversary Committee, a nonprofit organization, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars  
14 (\$500,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to cover costs associated with planning, promoting,  
15 and implementing a yearlong program of events in New Bern, a statewide outreach program to  
16 North Carolina public schools, publications, and a series of travel programs to cities across  
17 North Carolina to engage North Carolinians in our State's history.

18       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

