



North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs  
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*Special Resolution Honoring the Life of  
Faith Danielle Hedgepeth*

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**WHEREAS**, Faith Danielle Hedgepeth, a young and outstanding American Indian woman who was an enrolled member of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of Hollister, NC; and

**WHEREAS**, Faith was an active participant in the NC Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO) and the Haliwa-Saponi Youth Empowerment Team; and

**WHEREAS**, Faith was an active member of Mt. Bethel Indian Baptist Church, participated in Acteens, the youth choir, Sunday School, and the For Him Praise Team; and

**WHEREAS**, Faith graduated from Warren County High School with high honors and her goal was to pursue a medical degree in pediatrics; and

**WHEREAS**, Faith was a junior biology major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, Faith was the recipient of the prestigious GATES Millennium Scholarship; and

**WHEREAS**, three weeks prior to her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, Faith was found dead in her apartment on Friday September 7, 2012, of an apparent homicide; and

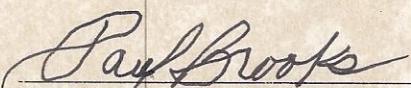
**WHEREAS**, the person, or persons, who chose to take Faith's life has not been brought to justice; and little information has been released to possible leads or the progression of the case; and

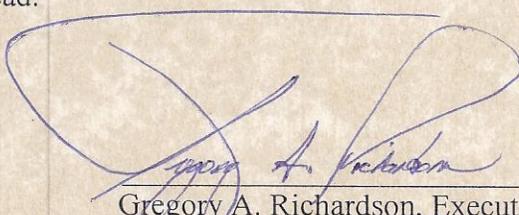
**WHEREAS**, there is a substantial reward offered by law enforcement, that will be paid to the person or persons who provide information leading to arrest and prosecution in this case.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the NC Commission of Indian Affairs urges all state and federal law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction in this case to continue fervently investigating the case, until it is resolved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NC Commission of Indian Affairs urges the University of North Carolina and its constituency campuses to implement a study of all unresolved cases of VIOLENCE AGAINST STUDENTS to determine if there are any patterns of violence against students, specifically female students.

This resolution was adopted during a regular scheduled quarterly meeting of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs; on June 7, 2013, with initial action taken February 28, 2013, in conjunction with the NC Indian Unity Conference, held in Greensboro, North Carolina. Motion made by Commissioner Brett A. Locklear, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Anstead.

  
Paul Brooks, Chairman

  
Gregory A. Richardson, Executive Director