

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1084
HOUSE BILL 1189

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF HISTORIC EDENTON AND OTHER HISTORIC SITES IN NORTHEASTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the northeastern area of North Carolina was the earliest settled and the most ancient portion of the Colony of North Carolina; and

Whereas, throughout North Carolina history the town of Edenton and other settlements in northeastern North Carolina provided the impetus for the settlement, growth, and development of both the colony and the State; and

Whereas, in the town of Edenton and surrounding towns and villages there remains today perhaps the most complete and intact collection of historic properties and sites from the earliest period of North Carolina history; and

Whereas, these historic properties and sites represent one of the most extensive untapped educational and tourist attractions in the State of North Carolina merely waiting to be properly developed and promoted; and

Whereas, the development and promotion of North Carolina's most distinguished and significant resources for the touring public represents one of the most important pursuits of the people of North Carolina; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, for the 1977-78 fiscal year the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) and for the 1978-79 fiscal year the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of establishing in Edenton a program for the development and promotion of historic Edenton and other historic sites and properties in northeastern North Carolina, such program to consist of designing and implementing plans for the physical development of and tourist visitation to such historic sites and properties as may be deemed appropriate by the North Carolina Historical Commission and the Department of Cultural Resources. Funds appropriated by this act shall be expended only in accordance with G.S. 121-11 and G.S. 143-31.2.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective on July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.