

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 1058  
HOUSE BILL 404

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SECURITY AND  
FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS AND TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS TO  
HISTORIC BETHABARA, INC.

Whereas, Historic Bethabara was established in 1968 by virtue of the laws of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Historic Bethabara, founded in 1753, was the first Moravian settlement in North Carolina; and

Whereas, historic structures dating to 1782, excavated archaeologically significant foundations of over thirty early buildings, and a reconstructed fort reflect a way of life in colonial North Carolina; and

Whereas, since its inception, Historic Bethabara has received all of its monetary support from local sources; and

Whereas, the purpose of Historic Bethabara is to interpret to the public the historic, spiritual and cultural significance of the first Moravian settlement in North Carolina and the birthplace of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County community; and

Whereas, the artifacts being preserved are irreplaceable and reflect a way of life in the history of North Carolina; and

Whereas, the installation of security and fire alarm systems is essential to the protection and preservation of these artifacts; and

Whereas, the installation of additional interpretive exhibits can more fully acquaint visitors with these artifacts and the historical significance of the area; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund, Department of Cultural Resources, fiscal year 1981-82 the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) for the purpose of installing security and fire alarm systems and of developing additional interpretive exhibits in Historic Bethabara, provided a like amount of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) is raised by Historic Bethabara, Inc., in order to match the grant-in-aid on a dollar for dollar basis.

**Sec. 2.** Funds appropriated in this act shall be expended in accordance with G.S. 121-11 and G.S. 143-31.2.

**Sec. 3.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of October, 1981.