

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 1072  
HOUSE BILL 581

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA RHODODENDRON  
FESTIVAL IN MITCHELL COUNTY.

Whereas, the North Carolina Rhododendron Festival is one of the largest and most beautiful events held in the South each June; and

Whereas, the festival had its beginning in 1947, as a means of promoting the world's largest natural rhododendron gardens, which are located on beautiful Roan Mountain in Mitchell County; and

Whereas, the festival is also designed to help promote the tourist industry in North Carolina; and

Whereas, the festival is sponsored by the North Carolina Rhododendron Festival, a nonprofit corporation; and

Whereas, the festival stimulates the economic growth of western North Carolina, which is in dire need of a constant stimulant for its economy; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina Rhododendron Festival Association, Inc., the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for fiscal year 1981-82, to put on the Rhododendron Festival in Mitchell County.

**Sec. 2.** This act is effective upon ratification.

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