

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 1367
HOUSE BILL 1563

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE
KING-BAZEMORE HOUSE LOCATED IN WINDSOR, BERTIE COUNTY.

Whereas, Historic Hope Foundation was established in 1965 as a nonprofit organization according to the statutes of the State of North Carolina, to acquire, preserve, restore and maintain for the benefit of the public the Georgian styled, circa 1800, mansion known as "Hope", the home of the Honorable David Stone (1770-1818), Governor of North Carolina and its representative in both houses of the United States Congress; the said residence being located in Bertie County approximately four miles west of Windsor, N.C., on the south side of N.C. Highway 308; and

Whereas, the said Historic Hope Foundation has been most successful by its diligent efforts in accomplishing its aims by having brought to fruition one of the most outstanding and significant historic restoration projects in our State which reflects great credit, recognition and distinction on the people of North Carolina which is, in part, evidenced by the numerous State and national awards which the Hope Restoration has received; and

Whereas, Historic Hope Foundation has broadened its original aims to include saving for posterity another very important Bertie County period dwelling and now owns and is in the process of preserving, restoring and maintaining for the benefit of the public the 1763 King-Bazemore House, a rare and excellently constructed dwelling of distinguished eighteenth century vernacular architecture, which through the efforts of Historic Hope Foundation was moved to the Hope property and which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, Historic Hope Foundation since its establishment seventeen years ago has received for historic preservation purposes from personal solicitations, private organizations, and local, State and federal agencies, approximately eight hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$825,000) of which eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) was appropriated by the State of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Historic Hope Foundation has maintained and kept the Hope Restoration open for the benefit of the visiting public on a regular, daily schedule since October 4, 1972; and

Whereas, Historic Hope Foundation at present receives an annual appropriation of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) for staff salaries from Bertie County Funds and raises and receives an additional fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) annually to maintain its completed restoration projects and to continue the work required for the completion of the restoration of the King-Bazemore House which is of State and national importance: Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to Historic Hope Foundation the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the fiscal year 1982-83 for the purpose of restoring the King-Bazemore House located near Windsor, Bertie County. These funds shall not become part of the continuation budget. Any unexpended funds at the end of 1982-83 fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1982.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of June,
1982.