

environment, the academic community, civic organizations, and local, State, and federal agencies; and

Whereas, project data will be used to form the first comprehensive model of its kind for basinwide management to protect and enhance the economic development use of the Cape Fear River as a vital natural resource; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Lower Cape
3 Fear River Water and Sewer Authority the sum of four hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$400,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year to fund the Cape Fear River Program, a unique
5 partnership including industry, local, State, and federal governments, State regulatory
6 agencies, citizens' groups, and the university community collectively working together to
7 preserve and improve this important natural resource while maintaining the economic
8 vitality and well-being of the region.

9 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1996.