



# *Proclamation*

*of the Camden County Board of County Commissioners*

## *Recognizing County Engineer John Stokes for Cost Saving Initiative*

*WHEREAS*, the Camden County Board of County Commissioners proudly recognizes staff who have made an impact on our county; and

*WHEREAS*, several immense cost saving initiatives have transpired since the hire date of County Engineer John Stokes; and

*WHEREAS*, one of those initiatives was the Camden County Public Safety Complex Plumbing Project. This project consisted of the Jail Cellblock and Administrative Offices for the jail which had been experiencing numerous leaks in the copper supply piping for a considerable period of time; and

*WHEREAS*, in the fall of 2008 the leaks seemed to be getting more serious and more frequent leading to ever-increasing repair costs and water bills; and

*WHEREAS*, of even more concern was the possibility that a very serious leak would occur that could not be quickly or easily stopped, and that would require actually shutting down portions of the jail and temporarily housing inmates outside of Camden County; and

*WHEREAS*, a consultant's assessment recommended replacing all the copper supply piping at an estimated cost of \$750,000 not including any costs incurred after work commenced for any unforeseen problems; and

*WHEREAS*, recognizing that such a course of action would be unacceptable because of the high cost and huge disruption it would cause to jail operations the County Engineer John Stokes and his staff began investigating alternate solutions to the problem; and

*WHEREAS*, an innovative, quicker, much less disruptive method was found that was less than a third of the cost estimated by the consultant's report. The method consisted of lining the inside of the piping with an epoxy coating to stop any leaks; and

*WHEREAS*, this method added advantages of protecting the piping, preventing future leaks, and improving water quality for both inmates and staff; and

*WHEREAS*, this project commenced in early January 2009 and was satisfactorily completed on February 24, 2009, ahead of schedule and under budget; and

*WHEREAS*, the cost saving efforts of County Engineer John Stokes and his staff not only improved the housing environment of the Jail Cellblock, but also the working environment for staff within the Administrative Offices of the Camden County Public Safety Complex; with a total cost savings in excess of \$500,000.00 to the citizens of Camden County.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that this body recognizes County Engineer John Stokes and his staff for the cost***

*saving initiatives in excess of \$500,000.00 to the citizens of Camden County in the completion of the Camden County Public Safety Complex Plumbing Project and commend County Engineer John Stokes for his cost saving initiatives and innovative solutions.*

***PROCLAIMED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.***

***BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
David L. Rainer, Chair, Camden County Board of County Commissioners***

***ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn Bishop, Interim County Clerk***

