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WAKE TO REACH ONE MILLION RESIDENTS

Today, Monday, August 18, 2014, the Board of Commissioners was presented with the information that Wake County will likely reach one million residents by Friday August 22, 2014. There is a 65 percent chance the millionth resident will move into the county and a 35 percent chance he or she will be a birth.

“As we have known and heard today, the County is growing quickly,” said Wake County Board of Commissioners Chair Phil Matthews. “Wake County continues to be a fantastic place to live and do business. It is so important to keep in mind our County’s growth as we think and prepare for the future. We are big, and we need to think big.”

The County’s Planning, Development and Inspections Office, in partnership with the UNC Carolina Population Center, determined that between April 1, 2010, and July 1, 2013, Wake’s population grew by 73,271 persons—an average of 62 persons a day. The net population growth (natural increase and net migration) is factored into the County’s overall population increase. To view the calculation, visit www.youtube.com/wakegov.com.

In celebration of the County’s milestone, the community is asked to share their favorite Wake County memories by using the hash tag #WakeHitsAMillion on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

“We continue to factor our growth as we develop the County’s goals and priorities. Wake has the right tools in place – triple A bond rating, a forward thinking board—that allows us to think strategically about our future,” said County Manager Jim Hartmann.

For more information, an informational graphic and to see the count up to a million residents, visit www.wakegov.com/planning/peopleandplaces.

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