

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS
WEEK IN NORTH CAROLINA

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 1995

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., of North Carolina has recently proclaimed October 22–29 as World Population Awareness Week in the State of North Carolina. This week is being recognized by States across this country and by organizations in other countries.

The purpose of World Population Awareness Week is to focus attention on the problem of world population growth. There are more than 5.7 billion people in the world, a total that is expected to double in about 40 years. More than 90 percent of this growth is

occurring in the poorest countries of the world, those that can least afford it. But it is not a problem for the developing world alone.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD a copy of the proclamation.

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH
CAROLINA

“Whereas, the world population is currently 5.7 billion and is increasing by nearly 100 million people per year, with virtually all of this growth added to the poorest countries and regions, which are the areas that can least afford to accommodate their current populations, much less such massive infusions of human numbers; and

“Whereas, the annual increment to the world population is projected to exceed 86 million through the year 2015, with three billion people—the equivalent of the entire world population as recently as 1960—reach-

ing their reproductive years within the next generation; and

“Whereas, the environmental and economic impacts of this level of growth will almost certainly prevent inhabitants of poorer countries from improving their quality of life, and, at the same time, have deleterious repercussions for the standard of living in more affluent regions; and

“Whereas, the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt, crafted a 20-year Program of Action for achieving a more equitable balance between the world’s population, environment and resources, that was duly approved by 180 nations, including the United States;

“Now, therefore, I, James B. Hunt Jr., Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 22–29, 1995, as ‘World Population Awareness Week’ in North Carolina, and commend its observance to our citizens.”