**NFB of NC Resolution Opposing Merger of Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies in North Carolina**

**Whereas the National Federation of the Blind is aware that Executive Order 85 would consolidate the Division of Services for the Blind, the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**

**and whereas; in consolidation there is no assurance that identity, quality and quantity of services would not be diminished,**

**and whereas, this consolidation initiative is not consumer friendly and has little or no input from actual consumers**

**and whereas; combining three divisions would necessarily remove services farther from consumers**

**and whereas; such consolidation would be a detriment to focus and identity**

**and whereas; no advantage such as saving of money or receiving more benefits to consumers would be realized by consolidating the three divisions**

**Therefore be it resolved that Executive Order 85 be rescinded and the Division of Services for the Blind, The Divisions**

**of Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation be allowed to serve their unique consumers with their specialized service programs designed to meet the needs of their unique populations.**

***Resolution passed on Sunday, September 11, 2011, by the NFB of NC, in convention assembled in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.***