



**State of North Carolina**  
**Department of the Secretary of State**

ELAINE F. MARSHALL  
SECRETARY OF STATE

February 24, 2010

The Honorable Craig Olive  
Johnston County Register of Deeds  
Johnston County Courthouse  
Box 118  
Smithfield, NC 27577

Dear Register Olive:

Thank you for your participation in North Carolina's historic Electronic Plat eRecording Pilot Program. Together, we recorded in Johnston County, North Carolina, the first electronic maps ever officially recorded in the United States of America.

By participating in this groundbreaking pilot program, you incorporated two of the three core elements of electronic commerce; electronic signatures and electronic recording, both of which are authorized by North Carolina General Statutes and Administrative Rules along with electronic notarization.

As more enterprises from all of North Carolina's communities begin to use these electronic tools to execute and file maps, legal documents, contracts, real property instruments and other documents, our citizens will realize greater efficiencies, cost savings and expedited services from both the government and the private sector.

The accomplishment of this feat has demonstrated some of the many benefits of electronic recording, including time savings, efficiency and security. I am hopeful that this experience will transition you from being a pioneer of electronic recording of plats to becoming an advocate for using these eCommerce tools to facilitate business in our state across many disciplines. I am thankful that your organization is helping to usher in these advances.

Thank you again for assisting us in the pursuit of excellence in eCommerce in North Carolina.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elaine".

Elaine F. Marshall

Thanks for being  
the "first"