

1 completely destroyed by an arsonist; Richmond County is now the second most
2 economically distressed county in the State; but from all this has come a determination to
3 flourish; and

4 Whereas, the City of Hamlet is the current owner of the Opera House (which
5 was purchased with funds raised by the Seaboard Festival Day, Inc.), and the city actively
6 assists with the daily operations and maintenance of this property with the Board of
7 Directors of the Seaboard Festival Day, Inc.; and

8 Whereas, the City of Hamlet pledges financial support to the continuing efforts
9 to make the Opera House successful; and

10 Whereas, a goal of the Centennial Celebration is the restoration of the Opera
11 House; Now, therefore,
12 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

13 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the City of Hamlet
14 the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to be
15 used to repair the roof of the Hamlet Opera House in order to save the structure from
16 further deterioration.

17 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.