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Subject: ERMP Applauds NC Film Grant Program

On Friday August 8th, 2014, Eno River Media Production's Board of Directors and senior staff announced that they applaud the recent efforts of the last North Carolina legislative session as it relates to the NC film industry.

Since February, with the guidance of lobbyist Tony L. Adams, the founder of Adams and Associates Government Relations, ERMP or our representatives have met with nearly all the 170 members of the House and Senate and their key leaders.

ERMP believes these meetings had an obvious influence on the Governor's 2014 budget proposal and subsequent Senate legislation changing the NC Film Incentive into a Grant Program. According to a well-placed Chief of Staff, our proposal redirected the efforts of the Senate and House from scrapping the film incentives all-together to remodeling them to create more full time jobs within the state.

ERMP's leadership knows the upcoming legislation is a far cry from the current film incentive. We also know that it is better to build from a base than have no base at all. The NC Film Grant Program is our base.

ERMP's leadership calls upon the decision makers in the Governor's administration to seek out a North Carolinian as the new Director of the NC Film Office. This appointment can be the first step in creating more full time jobs in our industry from NC citizens.

ERMP will continue to network the film and television industry of North Carolina into a vibrant and growing sector of the state's economy.

William Chandler Vatauvuk, President of ERMP stated; "ERMP thanks the 77 house legislators who voted to extend the current incentive and encourages the Senate to concur. We applaud your efforts and hope to work with you and the Senate to grow this unique industry within our state."

About ERMP

Eno River Media Production, established in March 1999, is dedicated to educate, facilitate and advocate the growth of the movie and television industry in North Carolina.

ERMP will accomplish this mission by educating, facilitating, nurturing and uniting independent North Carolina film and video makers, allied industries, civic and governmental organizations by propagating a network of industry professionals.