

1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
2 Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of three million three hundred
3 thousand dollars (\$3,300,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year for the North Carolina Resource
4 Conservation and Development Association, a nonprofit corporation, to be used to
5 provide all counties of the State with materials and equipment to install approximately
6 5,000 dry hydrants in rural areas, consisting of at least 15 dry hydrants per county upon
7 application of the county.

8 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.