



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

RECOGNIZING THE 57th ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL CLERK'S WEEK FROM MAY 3 TO MAY 11, 2026

WHEREAS, the role of clerks to governing boards and councils is crucial for maintaining informed communities and facilitating effective local governance through clear, accurate communication among citizens, elected officials, and administrative departments at both the city and county levels; and

WHEREAS, the position of clerk, one of the oldest in local government, continues to be essential across municipalities and counties as the official recordkeepers of public actions, with responsibilities deeply rooted in history and fundamental to democratic government; and

WHEREAS, clerks serving city councils and boards of county commissioners are entrusted with the preparation, custody, and protection of official records; the coordination and documentation of meetings; and the preservation of actions taken by governing bodies, all of which are vital to accountability, transparency, and public confidence in local government; and

WHEREAS, clerks provide essential administrative and procedural support to councils, boards, advisory committees, and other governing bodies, ensuring compliance with open meetings laws, public records requirements, and other legal obligations; and

WHEREAS, clerks enhance their professional skills through active participation in professional organizations, including the North Carolina Association of County Clerks, North Carolina Municipal Clerk Association, and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, which partner with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government to offer nationally recognized certification programs and continuing professional education; and

WHEREAS, clerks, through their commitment to professional development, strengthen the effectiveness of their offices and bring positive recognition to their communities by achieving advanced education and profession-related certifications; and

WHEREAS, Professional Clerks to Boards Week is celebrated annually during the first full week of May to honor the vital service clerks provide to councils, boards, and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and proclaims the first full week of May as Professional Clerks to Boards and Councils Week, and expresses its sincere appreciation to city and county clerks in Chatham County for their professionalism, integrity, and dedication to public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners encourages elected officials, local government staff, and residents throughout Chatham County to recognize and appreciate the essential role clerks play in promoting transparency, preserving public records, and supporting effective, lawful, and responsive local government.

Adopted, this the 4th day of May 2026.

Amanda Robertson, Chair

ATTEST:

Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board

Integrity – Respect – Collaboration – Community – Equity – Service – Accountability