



## CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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## Chatham County Board of Commissioners

### **A Resolution Proclaiming Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Chatham County**

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County wishes to join the state, nation and world in recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2016, and the State of North Carolina in recognizing May 8th through June 19th as Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother's and Father's Days both occur during this period and are opportunities to honor, respect, and promote the dignity and well-being of parents and all elders; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable and older adults are grossly underreported and affect vulnerable and older adults of all social, economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting vulnerable and older adults is a community responsibility and all citizens are charged under state law to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation to County Social Services; and

**WHEREAS**, fraud and scams against older adults remain a major problem, estimated to cost older adults in North Carolina over \$100 million a year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chatham County Department of Social Services, the Chatham County Council on Aging, and the Sheriff's Office are among the many local organizations and groups working to raise greater awareness about elder abuse in its various forms.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Chatham County Board of County Commissioners that May 8 through June 19, 2016 is proclaimed Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Month and calls upon the people of Chatham County to observe the month by honoring vulnerable and older adults and taking steps to promote their well-being.

Adopted by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on April 18, 2016.

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James Crawford, Chairman  
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#### **ATTEST:**

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Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board  
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