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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Proclaiming Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse and Exploitation Awareness Month in Chatham County

WHEREAS, Chatham County wishes to join the state, nation and world in recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on Monday, June 15, 2021, and the State of North Carolina in recognizing the period between Mother's Day (May 9th) and Father's Day (June 20th) as Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse and Exploitation Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, research suggests that 4 to 6 percent of older adults suffer from some kind of abuse, most of which go unreported and shows that abuse, exploitation and neglect (self and caregiver) of vulnerable and older adults affect vulnerable and older adults of every social, economic, racial and ethnic background; and

WHEREAS, protecting vulnerable and older adults is a civic responsibility, with State law requiring all persons to report suspected abuse, neglect (including self-neglect), or exploitation to County Social Services; and

WHEREAS, fraud and scams against older adults remain a major problem—including instances during the COVID-19 pandemic—robbing people of both their income and their dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Department of Social Services, the Chatham County Council on Aging, and the Chatham County 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 9 through June 20, 2021, is proclaimed Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse and Exploitation Awareness Month and calls upon the people of Chatham County to observe the month by honoring and respecting vulnerable and older adults, helping prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation, and taking steps otherwise to promote their well-being.

Adopted, this the ____ day of _____.

Mike Dasher, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
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