



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners
RECOGNIZING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, mental health affects a person’s emotional, social, environmental, financial and overall well-being, with significant disparities among racially and ethnically diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in five adults in the United States experience a mental illness, and nearly half of those adults did not receive treatment in the past year; and

WHEREAS, one in seven adults in the United States experience a substance use disorder, 95% of whom did not receive treatment in the last year; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2024 Chatham County Community Assessment, 26.4% of Chatham adults reported that they had been diagnosed with depression or anxiety; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, more than 1 in 5 Chatham County high schoolers (21.5%) reported having seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year; and

WHEREAS, several organizations provide a range of mental health and substance use services to Chatham residents; and

WHEREAS, collaborative efforts focused on mental health are important to addressing these issues in Chatham County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Chatham County.

Adopted, this the 4th day of May 2026.

Amanda Robertson, Chair

ATTEST:

Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board

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