



**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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## **Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Recognizing Black History Month**

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is observed each February across the United States to honor and celebrate the many achievements, contributions, and rich cultural heritage of African Americans throughout our nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Black History Month began in 1926, established by historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson, and was later expanded to the month-long national celebration recognized today; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County acknowledges the profound and lasting contributions of African Americans to the social, cultural, economic, and political fabric of our community, our state, and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes that the history of African Americans includes both extraordinary triumphs and profound injustices, and that acknowledging this history strengthens our work toward equity, understanding, and unity; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County is committed to fostering a community where all residents feel valued, included, and empowered, and where diversity is celebrated as a source of strength; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month provides an important opportunity to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and encourage future generations to learn from and build upon the legacy of Black leaders, innovators, educators, artists, public servants, and community members; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners formally recognizes February 2026 as Black History Month in Chatham County and encourages residents, schools, community organizations, and businesses to participate in activities and observances that honor and celebrate Black history and culture.

Adopted, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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Amanda Robertson, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board

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