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RESOLUTION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Honoring the Chatham County Employees Who Assisted Western North Carolina During Hurricane Helene Response

WHEREAS, in September of 2024, Hurricane Helene caused catastrophic damage to communities in Western North Carolina, displacing residents, destroying infrastructure, and disrupting critical services; and

WHEREAS, seventy-two Chatham County employees from Emergency Communications, Emergency Management, Facilities, Public Health, Social Services, Building Inspections, Agriculture and Convention Center, and Soil & Water Conservation, selflessly dedicated over 1,200 hours to disaster relief and recovery, providing essential support to the affected communities; and

WHEREAS, County staff deployed immediately after the storm to establish temporary communications, process 911 calls, and restore critical emergency services across multiple counties; and

WHEREAS, County staff delivered vital resources, helped restore power, performed wellness checks, aided with mass feeding sites serving 25,000 meals a day, and supported local recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, County staff provided administrative and logistical assistance to Emergency Operations Centers, coordinated statewide communication, and supported local 911 centers and Incident Management Teams; and

WHEREAS, County staff ensured safe food services through inspection, assisted with well water disinfection and testing; and

WHEREAS, County staff processed hundreds of assistance applications, and ensured timely aid to impacted residents in the affected area; and

WHEREAS, during the Chatham County Employee Appreciation Luncheon on April 4, 2025, these employees will be honored for their values of service, resilience, and compassion, that provided hope and stability to the affected communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners honors these seventy-two employees that played a vital role in Hurricane Helene recovery efforts, along with the many Chatham County residents and businesses that donated time, funds, and needed items, and we extend a heartfelt gratitude for their dedication to the people of Western North Carolina.

Adopted, this the 21st day of January 2024.

Karen Howard, Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board