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A Resolution Proclaiming November as Family Caregivers Month in Chatham County

WHEREAS, Chatham County wishes to join the state and nation in recognizing November as Family Caregivers Month and also National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has noted that "the true strength of the American family finds its roots in an unwavering commitment to care for one another" and has recognized family caregiving as a national service and a worthy career warranting special attention for the associated work and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers are the backbone of long-term care providing a wide range of assistance, including personal care, homemaking chores, transportation, financial assistance and companionship—providing the peace of mind, comfort and security that only family and friends can provide; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities reports that nearly 40 million Americans are caregivers and 6 of every 10 of these are employed; and

WHEREAS, while the largest group of caregivers (34%) are those between ages 50 and 64, notably nearly 1 in 4 caregivers are ages 18 to 34—many of whom face physical, emotional and financial strain in carrying out their caregiving; and

WHEREAS, Chatham's large and growing older population will demand increasing recognition of and support for the vital role of family caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Council on Aging and others are striving to do their part on behalf of caregivers.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Chatham County Board of County Commissioners that November 2016 is proclaimed Family Caregiver Month and calls upon the people of Chatham County to observe the month by honoring and supporting family caregivers and those seeking to assist these families.

Adopted this 17th day of October of 2016.

Jim Crawford, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board
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