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Chatham County Board of Commissioners

A Resolution Honoring the Chatham County Board of Elections

WHEREAS, the 2016 General Election presented several major unexpected challenges for members and staff of the Chatham County Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, the extended medical leave of Elections Director Dawn Stumpf required the Board of Elections to appoint Pandora Paschal as interim director to manage the very busy and complex General Election; and

WHEREAS, Board of Elections staff, with the support of other county departments, joined with the Board of Elections in making sure that voting proceeded smoothly and fairly, even when Chatham County again having one of the highest voter turnouts in the state at 78 percent; and

WHEREAS, due to major barriers in finding an early voting site in the northeastern part of the county, the county had to use a building at the Park at Briar Chapel, which experienced parking and traffic issues; and

WHEREAS, just a few weeks before Election Day, the courts struck down major parts of new North Carolina voting legislation, which required major last-minute changes in county election procedures and poll worker training; and

WHEREAS, the contentious 2016 General Election resulted in numerous legal challenges at the state and federal levels, requiring additional Board of Elections meetings and extensive staff work before and after Election Day; and

WHEREAS, despite these many challenges, the Board of Elections, Interim Director Pandora Paschal and other elections staff rose to the occasion and ensured that the 2016 General Election was professionally and fairly managed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners applauds the great work of the Chatham County Board of Elections, Interim Elections Director Pandora Paschal and all county staff and volunteers who helped with the 2016 General Election.

Adopted December 19, 2016 by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

James Crawford, Chairman
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ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board
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