



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Supporting the Application to Seek Membership In the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization notes that approximately 1.4 billion adults are age 60 and over with this rapidly expanding demographic expected to exceed over 2 billion by 2050; and

WHEREAS, over 35 percent of Chatham County residents are age 60 and over, making its older adult percentage significantly higher than the North Carolina average of 24 percent; and

WHEREAS, as the Chatham County population ages and individuals stay healthier and active for longer, the county must adapt and;

WHEREAS, planning processes including community revitalization and economic development plans should include the needs of all people regardless of age, income, physical ability, race, and other factors of older adults; and

WHEREAS, active aging is a lifelong process, whereby an age-friendly community is not just “elder friendly” but also intended to be friendly for all ages; and

WHEREAS, community decisions on land use, housing and transportation should be consistent with comprehensive plans, such as the Chatham County Aging Plan, that has been developed with public input; and

WHEREAS, members of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities become part of a global network of communities that are committed to giving their older adults the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Aging Plan was developed based on AARP’s 8 Domains of Livability, including outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information and community support and health services; and

WHEREAS, membership in the Network of Age-Friendly Communities includes access to financial assistance and technical expertise; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, that in order to ensure Chatham County is a well-designed, livable community that promotes health and sustained economic growth for residents of all ages, Chatham County supports the planning process and requests participation in the Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Adopted, this the 17th day of August 2026.

Amanda Robertson, Chair

ATTEST:

Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board

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