



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Recognizing September as Kinship Care Month in Chatham County

WHEREAS, the children and youth are our hope for the future and children deserve a safe, loving and nurturing place to call home; and

WHEREAS, kinship care minimizes the trauma of separation by placing children with relatives or close family friends they already know and trust; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County has committed dedicated resources to increase the number and supports to kinship families across the county to minimize additional stressors for children and families, and

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2025, there were an average of 79 children in foster care in Chatham County each month, with approximately a25% of these children living with family and kinship connections, including some who are licensed foster homes; and

WHEREAS, the Kinship Foster Care and Guardianship Assistance Program (KinGAP) offers financial assistance and Medicaid for youth who are determined to be in a permanent family setting and unlikely to obtain permanency through reunification or adoption, and this helps to maintain continuity of care for children outside of traditional foster homes; and

WHEREAS, Kinship Care Month is an opportunity to recognize the kinship care providers who open their hearts to provide children with a sense of connection, security, and ties to their culture, family, and community – as well as child welfare professionals and advocates working to ensure children’s safety, permanence, and well-being – and to spread awareness on behalf of the children in kinship care.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners that September 2026 is recognized as Kinship Care Month and encourages people to volunteer their time, energy and talents on behalf of children in foster care and their biological families, kinship caregivers and foster parents during the month and throughout the year.

Adopted, this the 17th day of August, 2026.

Amanda Robertson, Chair

ATTEST:

Jenifer K. Johnson, Clerk to the Board

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