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## **Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

### **PROCLAIMING CHATHAM COUNTY TO BE A “BREASTFEEDING FAMILY FRIENDLY COMMUNITY”**

**WHEREAS**, families are a priority in Chatham County, and part of helping families to thrive is ensuring that they receive community support to develop and sustain healthy lifestyles; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Dietetic Association, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, American Academy of Family Physicians, World Health Organization, and other leading health organizations, human milk is the optimal food for infants; and

**WHEREAS**, a parent’s decision to breastfeed should be supported by their family, workplace, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, breastfeeding is associated with lower rates of childhood illness, such as obesity, diabetes, and infectious diseases, as well as reduced risk of maternal breast and ovarian cancers and a faster recovery from childbirth as compared to formula feeding; and

**WHEREAS**, breastfeeding promotes bonding, benefits the entire family, and is associated with lifelong health and development; and

**WHEREAS**, collaborating with healthcare providers and community resources can positively impact breastfeeding success; and

**WHEREAS**, our community is proud to have a newly reopened maternity care center with a level I nursery at the University of North Carolina (UNC) Chatham Hospital which is pursuing Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chatham County Public Health Department, Chatham Hospital, Piedmont Health Services, Department of Social Services, Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE) and Chatham Health Alliance have established a collaborative partnership, EMBRACe, in pursuit of equitable birth outcomes for moms and babies in the county through system and service alignments that center the experiences of women,

**WHEREAS**, by providing a supportive and welcoming environment, a breastfeeding friendly community encourages families of all races and ethnicities to continue breastfeeding;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, of Chatham County, North Carolina do hereby proclaim Chatham County to be a "BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY COMMUNITY" and hereby urge all residents and community institutions to support and encourage breastfeeding.

Adopted, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Mike Dasher, Chair  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board  
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