



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Supporting NC Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Legislative Requests for Increased Recurring Funding for Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils, Community Programs, Juvenile Crisis and Assessment Centers, Short-Term Residential Contract Sites, Transitional Living Programs, Medical/Mental Health Crisis Unit Capacity Increase, and NC Secure All Firearms Effectively Campaign

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (NCDJJD) provides a service array of intervention/prevention programming; clinical and crisis intervention services; residential and transitional living programs; juvenile court and community supervision services; and short- and long- term facility confinement services that impact Chatham County youth and families; and

WHEREAS, the NCDJJD provides community supervision and case management services through Juvenile Court Services that includes referrals to evidence-based local delinquency intervention and prevention programs to reduce recidivism; and

WHEREAS, the overarching mission of NCDJJD and the local Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) is to provide diversion programming to ensure the protection of the community and rehabilitation of youth offenders in the least restrictive, most age-appropriate way possible; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is home to the Chatham Youth Development Center in Siler City and has a vested interest in ensuring that juveniles receive access to community- based intervention and prevention programs as a first response to (1) prevent Juvenile Justice system involvement or interrupt Justice system trajectory once involved; and (2) reduce costs incurred by the County to house youth in a secure detention facility; and

WHEREAS, JCPC-funded government and non-profit sectors are experiencing inflation that has outgrown existing legislative JCPC allocations, preventing the County from funding a robust service array of delinquency intervention and prevention services to supplement the County's public safety initiatives; and

WHEREAS, NCDJJD and the County have enjoyed a decades long partnership and see the value of ensuring that youth and families have access to supportive services provided by JCPC-funded intervention and prevention programs and other programmatic responses in the NCDJJD service array that directly impact Chatham County youth and families; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County JCPC has been a good steward of legislative dollars by funding impactful evidence-based intervention and prevention programs while also braiding in county revenues and resources to expand programmatic reach; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is experiencing a rise in gun violence among juveniles, with firearms being the leading cause of death among the juvenile population.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners support the adequate and timely requests for reoccurring funds for Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils, Community Programs, Juvenile Crisis and Assessment Centers, Short-term Residential Contract Sites, Transitional Living Programs, and Medical/ Mental Health Crisis Unit Capacity Increase, and NC SAFE Campaigns that will ensure the immediate and ongoing protection of the community and strengthen rehabilitative services for those juveniles most in need.

Adopted, this the 16th day of February 2026.

Amanda Robertson, Chair

ATTEST:

Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board