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A Resolution Proclaiming September 2017 as Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of Hispanic Americans and to celebrate Hispanic heritage and culture; and

WHEREAS, the observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson, but was enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, calling upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, and programs; and

WHEREAS, this observance celebrates the culture and traditions of people whose ancestry can be traced to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean islands; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 U.S. Census estimates that almost 12 percent of Chatham County's population are Hispanic and Latino residents; and

WHEREAS, these Hispanic and Latino residents play a unique and vital role in our economy and workforce as well as our faith communities and social tapestry; and

WHEREAS, as part of this celebration, the Hispanic Liaison is joining with Siler City and other sponsors in hosting the 2017 Hispanic Heritage Fiesta in Siler City on September 16, 2017, a family friendly event with activities for people of all ages and backgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim September 2017 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Chatham County and urge residents to participate in the many activities to learn more about our Hispanic and Latino communities.

Adopted the 21st day of August 2017:

James Crawford, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board
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