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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Proclaiming June 15th as Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Chatham County

WHEREAS, Chatham County joins organizations across the globe in promoting World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on Thursday, June 15, 2019, while also recognizing the period between Mother's Day (May 12th) and Father's Day (June 16th) to raise further awareness about elder abuse in its various forms; and

WHEREAS, research shows that abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable and older adults remain grossly underreported and affect vulnerable and older adults of all social, economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, protecting vulnerable and older adults is a community responsibility and all citizens are charged under State law to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation to County Social Services; and

WHEREAS, fraud and scams against older adults remain a major problem, which robs people of their income and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Department of Social Services, the Chatham County Council on Aging, N.C. Cooperative Extension—Chatham County, and the Chatham Sheriff's Office are among the many local organizations and groups working to raise greater awareness about elder abuse in its various forms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chatham County Board of County Commissioners that June 15, 2019 is proclaimed Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Furthermore, the people of Chatham County are encouraged to observe the period between Mother's Day and Father's Day as a special time to honor and respect vulnerable and older adults, help prevent their abuse and exploitation, and take steps otherwise to promote their well-being.

Adopted by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on _____.

Mike Dasher, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
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