



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Honoring the Siler City Center for Active Living for Receiving the 2025 Ann Johnson Senior Center of the Year Award for Excellence in the Field of Aging

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Senior Center Alliance (NCSCA) annually recognizes one outstanding senior center with the Ann Johnson Senior Center of the Year Award for Excellence in the Field of Aging; and

WHEREAS, the award seeks to honor a center that demonstrates significant contributions to the field of aging through innovative service delivery, high-quality programming, strong leadership, and advocacy that positively impacts older adults and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, an impartial review committee of the NCSCA evaluated nominations based on five distinct criteria: creation of innovative approaches to service delivery, high-quality programs and dedicated staff, strong organizational leadership, contributions to the field of aging, and community advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the Siler City Center for Active Living has been named the recipient of the 2025 Ann Johnson Senior Center of the Year Award for its exemplary achievements and commitment to the aging population of Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Aging Services Director Ashlyn Martin and Center Manager Kathryn Walters, the Center has demonstrated remarkable growth and innovation, serving 831 individuals in 2024, an 84 percent increase from two years prior, and launching specialized programming such as a Low Vision Support Group for individuals living with macular degeneration; and

WHEREAS, the Center has also seen a significant increase in its congregate lunch program, now serving an average of 80 participants daily, providing not only nourishment but meaningful social connection; and

WHEREAS, the Center has received a commemorative plaque and a \$300 grant from the NCSCA to support continued programming excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and congratulates the Siler City Center for Active Living on being awarded the 2025 Ann Johnson Senior Center of the Year Award and commends its leadership and staff for their unwavering dedication to enhancing the lives of older adults in our community.

Adopted, this the 19th day of May 2025.

Karen Howard, Chair

ATTEST:

Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board

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