



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners
RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH**

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, observed annually on June 19, commemorates the day in 1865 when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, learned of their emancipation, more than two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth represents an important moment in the history of the United States and serves as a day of reflection on the legacy of slavery, the enduring struggle for freedom and equality, and the continued pursuit of justice for all people; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is recognized as a federal holiday and is observed across the nation through education, community engagement, and remembrance of African American history, culture, and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is committed to fostering a community that values diversity, equity, inclusion, and mutual respect, and to acknowledging historical events that have shaped our nation and our local communities; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Juneteenth encourages opportunities for learning, dialogue, and reflection while honoring the resilience, achievements, and contributions of African Americans to Chatham County, North Carolina, and the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize June 19 as Juneteenth in Chatham County and encourages residents to observe this day through activities that promote education, reflection, and community understanding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners affirms its commitment to equality, inclusion, and respect for all residents and acknowledges the importance of continuing efforts to ensure fairness and opportunity throughout Chatham County.

Adopted, this the 18th day of May 2026.

Amanda Robertson, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board

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