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Proclamation of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, Chatham County recognizes the vital role that immigrants have played and continue to play in the growth, diversity, and prosperity of our community; and

WHEREAS, our county upholds the values of inclusivity, equity, and justice as cornerstones of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is welcoming community and prides itself on being a Place for Everyone; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between immigrant communities and local law enforcement is essential for the safety and well-being of all residents; and

WHEREAS, equitable access to community services, education, and opportunities for civic engagement for all residents, regardless of immigration status, is essential to the fabric of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be proclaimed that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners that we:

- Commit to fostering a welcoming environment for all immigrants living in, working in, and contributing to our community.
- Advocate for policies at the state and federal level that provide a clear path to citizenship for undocumented residents and protect the rights of refugees and asylees.
- Support local initiatives to provide all residents with access to services, including education and law enforcement protection, regardless of immigration status.
- Empower and encourage law enforcement officials to intentionally foster trust and cooperation with our diverse immigrant communities.
- Encourage the community to engage in dialogue and cultural exchange to bolster mutual understanding and respect among all residents.

Adopted, this the 15th day of April.

Mike Dasher, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jenifer K. Johnson, MMC, Clerk to the Board
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