



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Recognizing October 19-25, 2025 as Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Chatham County

WHEREAS, childhood lead exposure remains a significant public health issue; and

WHEREAS, there are no safe levels of lead in the blood, and exposure in early childhood can lead to significant, lifelong health effects, including developmental delays, learning difficulties, and behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS, although progress has been made to reduce lead exposure, children continue to be exposed to lead through many sources, such as older housing, toys, car keys, candy, vinyl mini-blinds, and cookware, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Health adopted the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Rules in 2010, which were updated in 2022, to help protect children from lead exposure and to ensure that children with elevated blood lead levels receive timely follow-up and intervention; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Health strongly encourages universal blood lead testing of all one- and two-year-olds to identify issues early and mitigate health impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Public Health Department's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program provides education, outreach, and environmental follow-up services to families whose children have been identified with elevated blood lead levels; and

WHEREAS, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program has conducted over 1,200 home visits since 2011; and

WHEREAS, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, observed October 19–25, 2025, is an opportunity to raise awareness about the dangers of lead exposure, promote testing and prevention, and strengthen partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of the Chatham County Board of Health, the Chatham County Public Health Department, and local medical providers and community partners to address this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims **October 19–25, 2025, as Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Chatham County, North Carolina**, and encourages all residents, parents, property owners, and healthcare providers to learn about lead hazards and take actions to prevent lead exposure in children.

Adopted, this the 20th day of October.

Karen Howard, Chair

ATTEST:

Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board

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