

Resolution Proclaiming September 2013 as Alzheimer's Disease Month

Whereas, Chatham County community seeks public support and assistance in honoring Chatham County Alzheimer's Disease Month for older adults, their families and caregivers; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory, ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's has a major impact on the loved ones who help care for an affected individual, by placing physical, emotional and financial stress on caregivers as they assume growing responsibilities that may include meeting physical needs, managing daily routines and making important medical and legal decisions; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's affects over 4.5 million Americans, including the late President Ronald Reagan, and over 150,000 North Carolinians suffer from Alzheimer's disease, requiring 24-hour care; and

Whereas, while Alzheimer's disease is the fourth most common cause of death in the United States for persons 60 years and older, federal government research funding for a cure ranks 18th; and

Whereas, although recent advancements have been made, continued involvement of health care professionals and government officials will result in further medical progress and patient care improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, honors our older citizens, their families and caregivers and does hereby proclaim the month of September, 2013 **Alzheimer's Disease Month** in Chatham County and commends this observance to all community members. We encourage all of our citizens to generously respond and participate in the scheduled community events in September 2013.

Adopted this the 15th day of July, 2013.

Walter Petty, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners