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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Proclaiming September 2015 as Alzheimer's Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Chatham County community seeks public support in honoring and promoting Chatham County Alzheimer's Awareness 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 physical, emotional and financial impact on caregivers of affected individuals 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 5.4 million Americans, including the late President Ronald Reagan, and over 175,000 North Carolinians who may require 24-hour care; and

WHEREAS, while Alzheimer's disease is the sixth 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 and support of health care professionals can result in further medical progress and patient care improvement; and

WHEREAS, September was designated as World Alzheimer's Month in 2012 by Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) and September 21st as World Alzheimer's Day; and

WHEREAS, community partners, including Galloway Ridge at Ferrington and the Chatham County Council on Aging, are joining Alzheimer's North Carolina, Inc. to offer a special Walk and 5K Run at Galloway Ridge on September 12th;

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, 2015 Alzheimer's Awareness 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 2015.

Adopted, this the 17th day of August, 2015.

Jim Crawford, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board
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