



## CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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## Chatham County Board of Commissioners

### A Resolution Proclaiming November as Family Caregivers Month in Chatham County

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County wishes to join the state and nation in recognizing November as Family Caregivers Month and also National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama has noted that “the true strength of the American family finds its roots in an unwavering commitment to care for one another” and has recognized family caregiving as a national service and a worthy career warranting special attention for the associated work and sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, family caregivers are the backbone of long-term care providing a wide range of assistance, including personal care, homemaking chores, transportation, financial assistance and companionship—offering the peace of mind, comfort and security that only family and friends can provide; and

**WHEREAS**, while a 2015 report of the National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP notes that the “typical” family caregiver is a 49-year-old woman who takes care of a relative, it further notes that caregivers on the whole are becoming as diverse as the American population; and

**WHEREAS**, many family caregivers—including those balancing other jobs as well—report physical, emotional and financial strain; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham’s large and growing older population will require increasing appreciation and support for the vital role of family caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chatham County Council on Aging and others are striving to do their part on behalf of caregivers.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Chatham County Board of County Commissioners that November 2015 is proclaimed Family Caregiver Month and calls upon the people of Chatham County to observe this month by honoring and supporting family caregivers and those seeking to assist these families.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November of 2015.

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James G. Crawford, Chairman  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board  
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