



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Proclaiming Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Chatham County

WHEREAS, Chatham County wishes to join the state, nation and world in recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on Thursday, June 15, 2017, and the State of North Carolina in recognizing May 14th through June 18th as Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Mother's and Father's Days both occur during this period and are opportunities to honor, respect, and promote the dignity and well-being of parents and all elders; and

WHEREAS, research shows that abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable and older adults remain grossly underreported and affect vulnerable and older adults of all social, economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, protecting vulnerable and older adults is a community responsibility and all citizens are charged under State law to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation to County Social Services; and

WHEREAS, fraud and scams against older adults remain a major problem, which robs people of their income and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Department of Social Services, the Chatham County Council on Aging, and the Sheriff's Office are among the many local organizations and groups working to raise greater awareness about elder abuse in its various forms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chatham County Board of County Commissioners that May 14 through June 18, 2017 is proclaimed Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Month and calls upon the people of Chatham County to observe the month by honoring vulnerable and older adults, helping prevent abuse and exploitation, and taking steps otherwise to promote their well-being.

Adopted by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on _____.

Jim Crawford, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
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