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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Proclaiming May as Older Americans Month

WHEREAS, Chatham County joins the nation in recognizing May as Older Americans Month and echoes the month's 2019 national theme —“*Connect, Create, Contribute;*” and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month has been celebrated nationally since 1963, when President John F. Kennedy designated May as a special time to celebrate the contributions of past and current older persons to our country; and

WHEREAS, clearly, North Carolina and Chatham are aging—for maybe the first time in North Carolina history, there are more people aged 60 and older than under 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Chatham is at the leading edge of this demographic shift with about a third of our population aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, with an older population, it is vital that our community promotes seniors' continued connection with friends, family and services, and creates opportunities for them to engage in meaningful life-long learning, wellness activities and personal enrichment; and

WHEREAS, we are a stronger community when all citizens—young and old—can use their time, talent and life experience to contribute to the greater good to the best of their abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Council on Aging is helping lead our community's efforts to celebrate, engage and service seniors and their families.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chatham County Board of County Commissioners that May 2019 is proclaimed Older Americans Month. Furthermore, the people of Chatham County are encouraged to support the work of the Chatham County Council on Aging as it works to serve and positively engage Chatham seniors and their families.

Adopted by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on _____.

Mike Dasher, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
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