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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Proclaiming September 2020 as Senior Center Month

WHEREAS, Chatham County wishes to join other communities across the state and nation in once again recognizing September as Senior Center Month; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 national theme for this special month—*Senior Centers: Delivering Vital Connections!*—reflects the vital role senior centers continue to play in promoting healthy aging and preventing social isolation in this time of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this role includes offering a wide array of virtual and distance programming options and providing an extensive slate of services beyond the centers' walls since the Chatham County Council on Aging's two centers closed to the public in March due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County has much to celebrate with its two senior centers—the Eastern Center in Pittsboro and the Western Center in Siler City—both of which are State-certified "Senior Centers of Excellence;" and

WHEREAS, the Eastern and Western Centers are committed to assuring that all Chatham County seniors and their families can access and enjoy the benefits of the many services and programs that the Chatham County Council on Aging provides and to respecting and valuing the diversity of all participants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chatham County Board of County Commissioners that September 2020 is proclaimed Senior Center Month and that the people of Chatham County be called upon to observe the month by supporting the work of the Council on Aging and its centers, during this challenging period of COVID-19 and throughout the year, in service to Chatham County's growing population of older adults.

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	Karen Howard, Chair Chatham County Board of Commissioners
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