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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Honoring Drake Powell on the 2025 NBA Draft Selection

WHEREAS, Drake Powell, a native of Chatham County, North Carolina, has been selected as the 22nd overall pick in the 2025 NBA Draft to the Brooklyn Nets, marking a historic milestone in his basketball career and bringing great pride to the Chatham County community; and

WHEREAS, Drake's journey from standout athlete at Northwood High School to freshman defensive leader at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has been marked by excellence, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to growth; and

WHEREAS, Drake earned accolades at UNC as one of the Tar Heels' top defensive player, demonstrating a high basketball IQ, elite athleticism, and a relentless work ethic, while averaging 7.4 points, 3.4 rebounds, and 1.4 steals per game; and

WHEREAS, Drake's 43-inch max vertical leap and 7-foot wingspan were among the top measurements at the 2025 NBA Draft Combine, showcasing his potential as a dynamic 3&D wing player in the NBA; and

WHEREAS, Drake has embraced his new role with humility and purpose, engaging in community events, media appearances, and early training sessions in preparation for the NBA Summer League; and

WHEREAS, Drake has already begun making an impact in Brooklyn, including surprising youth athletes at a local basketball clinic, showing leadership and a commitment to giving back to the community—values that reflect the strong foundation and support instilled in him by his family and especially his parents, Dedric and Cherice Powell, whose unwavering encouragement, guidance, and dedication have played a vital role in his development on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Drake's pride in his home community and North Carolina roots continues to be evident as he joins other former Tar Heels in the NBA, inspiring young athletes across Chatham County and beyond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby honors and congratulates Drake Powell on his selection in the 2025 NBA Draft and commends him for his outstanding athletic achievements, dedication to personal growth, and exemplary representation of Chatham County on the national stage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board expresses sincere appreciation to Dedric and Cherice Powell for raising such a fine young man and for their steadfast support and guidance throughout Drake's journey and extends its best wishes to the entire Powell family as Drake begins his professional career with the Brooklyn Nets.

Adopted, this the 21st day of July 2025.

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Karen Howard, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jenifer K Johnson, Clerk to the Board

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