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**Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

**HONORING BETTY JO SANDERS FOR HER THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF DEEDICATED SERVICE TO CHATHAM COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Betty Jo Sanders, better known to our community as Jo Sanders, was born on May 1, 1943, attended Randolph College from 1961 to 1965, and received a Masters in Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, Jo Sanders served as Executive Director of the Family Violence and Rape Crisis from 1988 until 2013 during which time she brought Family Violence and Rape Crisis into its most formative years; and

**WHEREAS**, Jo Sanders recognized the importance of an agency to aid survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, developing expansive programing for survivors, abusers, introducing education about violence at various levels in the schools, and bringing Family Violence and Rape Crisis, a financially sound agency funded by the community and various government entities; and

**WHEREAS**, under her leadership, Family Violence and Rape Crisis excelled in programing which far surpassed that of other counties, near and far, and in which Chatham’s program became a nationwide model; and

**WHEREAS**, Jo Sanders led the agency in receiving a Center for Disease Contral and Prevention Grant of \$1.5 million dollars, such grant being one of only six grants given in the United States; which grant allowed additional program expansion which became The Coalition for Family Peace in Siler City; and

**WHEREAS**, Jo Sanders is a humble person with a collaborative, holistic spirit, who recognized the importance of relationships with the courts and all sectors of our community, and who was described by one of our judges as “the moral compass of Chatham County”; and

**WHEREAS**, after her retirement from Family Violence and Rape Crisis, she answered the call to re-organize services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault with Second Bloom of Chatham, Inc., a non-profit formed to transition the agency and served as Chair, to nurture it to “bloom again” for survivors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and residents do hereby honor Betty Jo Sanders for her selfless thirty-six years of dedicated service.

Adopted, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

Mike Dasher, Chair  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jenifer K. Johnson, MMC, Clerk to the Board  
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