

CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Chatham County Board of Commissioners

A Resolution Honoring County Manager Charlie Horne's Extraordinary Service

WHEREAS, Charlie Horne has served as the County Manager for Chatham County Government since April 22, 1996, the longest tenure of any county manager in the county's history, including surviving several major changes in policy leadership; and

WHEREAS, from his first day, Charlie Horne embodied the term "servant leadership," with focus on professionalism and measurable performance, resulting in countless statewide awards and millions of dollars in savings for taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Horne's concept of a staff-led Leadership Academy came to fruition as a way to develop leaders from within and has graduated 200 employees, with many being promoted to greater responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the county's strong fiscal policies meant that the recession was an opportunity to build needed facilities at major cost savings, including the Justice Center, Chatham Community Library, Margaret Pollard Middle School and the Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, this same fiscal stewardship also positioned Chatham County to become the smallest county in the state, by far, to earn a AAA rating from Standard and Poor's, which garners even more cost savings; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Horne has created a high-performing organization by allowing staff to take the lead on new ideas and get out of their comfort zones, with the goal of making Chatham County extraordinary; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Horne is beloved by staff and will be greatly missed when he retires on October 30, 2015 and leaves our community to enjoy his family and a new avocation as a "gentleman farmer" in Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners honors Charlie Horne's tremendous legacy of service and wishes him great health and happiness in retirement.

Adopted this 19th day of October of 2015.

James Crawford, Chairman

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ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray/@lerk to the Board

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