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Chatham County Board of Commissioners

A Resolution Honoring the Contributions of the Chatham Parks Foundation

WHEREAS, the Chatham Parks Foundation became a nonprofit corporation in 2000 to help raise funds for recreational facilities and services in Chatham County, with emphasis on the county's Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted in September 1999; and

WHEREAS, members of the Foundation Board of Directors spent many hours with Tracy Burnett, director of Chatham County Parks and Recreation, actively seeking opportunities for parks and encouraging community involvement, including meeting with many groups and landowners to identify and discuss potential land purchases for parks; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Foundation hosted regular fundraising and awareness programs for the development of parks and recreation facilities in the county, including booths at street fairs and Carolina Meadows, a circus carnival in Siler City, the annual Reindeer Run in Pittsboro, and the annual fundraiser golf tournaments at the Preserve at Jordan Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham Parks Foundation through the years relied on and greatly appreciated the support of interested corporations and individuals in its fundraising projects, which have benefitted such projects as: Chatham County Health Department's fitness programs, Southwest Park's land preparation and facilities, Active Chatham's Robeson Creek greenway, Pittsboro's Kiwanis Park and Skate Park, Braxton Soccer Field in Siler City, Chatham's Northeast Park facilities, the Margaret Jordan Ellis Memorial Project at Deep River Park, several National Walk Days, Chatham's First Responders Memorial, the County Parks and Recreation Program Scholarships, Northwest Park's fishing pier and an educational program of the Chatham Conservation Partnership; and

WHEREAS, we are saddened by the news that the Chatham Parks Foundation will be dissolved in 2016 after sixteen years of being a major supporter and fundraiser for parks and recreational activities and facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners expresses its heartfelt appreciation of a job well done over to everyone who once served on the Chatham County Parks Foundation Board of Directors and the many people and organizations supporting their work since the start of this millennium.

Adopted the 16th Day of May, 2016 by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

James Crawford, Chairman
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ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board
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