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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2017 AS WORLD RABIES AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, while rabies is a 100% preventable disease, it kills more than 59,000 people throughout the world-nearly 1 death every 9 minutes; and,

WHEREAS, every year, an estimated 40,000 people in the U.S. receive a series of shots known as post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) after contact with a possibly rabid animal; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. public health cost associated with rabies is estimated to be as high as \$500 million annually; and,

WHEREAS, all dogs, cats and ferrets four months of age or older are required by law to have a current rabies virus vaccination which keeps families safe from rabies throughout the year; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Chatham County Veterinarians, and the Animal Services Division of the Chatham County Public Health Department have joined together to advocate the importance of rabies vaccination in pets and the proper post-exposure treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS do hereby proclaim September 2017 as "WORLD RABIES AWARENESS MONTH" in Chatham County, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support Rabies Awareness.

Adopted, this the 18 day of September, 2017.

James Crawford, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board
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