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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Proclaiming November as Family Caregivers Month in Chatham County

WHEREAS, Chatham County wishes to join the state and nation in recognizing November as Family Caregivers Month and also as World Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County acknowledges the vital role that family and friends assume in caring for their loved ones, including those with Alzheimer's disease and children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the average family caregiver of an older person reportedly gives more than 24 hours of help each week, with many feeling overwhelmed at times; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for Family Caregivers Month—*Caring around the Clock*—speaks to the many challenges caregivers can face day and night while providing their loving care; and

WHEREAS, while the largest group of caregivers (34%) are those between ages 50 and 64, notably nearly 1 in 4 caregivers are ages 18 to 34—many of whom face physical, emotional and financial strain in balancing their caregiving with a working career; and

WHEREAS, Chatham's large and growing older population will demand increasing recognition of and support for the vital role of family caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Council on Aging and others are striving to do their part on behalf of caregivers by offering respite, a support group, options counseling, meals-on-wheels, assistive equipment and other assistance.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Chatham County Board of County Commissioners that November 2017 is proclaimed Family Caregiver Month and calls upon the people of Chatham County to observe the month by joining the Council on Aging in honoring and supporting family caregivers.

Adopted this 16th day of October, 2017.

Jim Crawford, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
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