

A Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Friends of Library

WHEREAS, the Friends of Library in Chatham County first organized in 1968 as a way to provide support for a small public library in Pittsboro; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, the Friends of the Library successfully exceeded a fundraising goal by 300% to help build a new library in Pittsboro and also helped pay for an addition to that library in 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Library assisted in efforts to develop the concept for the current Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro that would serve county patrons and students of Central Carolina Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Library raised \$750,000 for the new Chatham Community Library, which helped fund several enhancements, including decorative fireplaces, a story-time mural, a children's courtyard, local history & genealogy area, and an automated inventory & checkout system; and

WHEREAS, since the opening of the Chatham Community Library in 2011, the Friends of Library continues to host successful biannual book sales, with revenues generated to support ongoing enhancements at the Chatham Community Library; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, donations of the Friends of the Chatham Community Library have helped fund children's programming, digital book subscriptions, presenters for adult programs, staff development, new book purchases and a few facility improvements, such as carpeting in the Holmes Meeting Room and equipment for genealogy research.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners applauds the Friends of the Chatham Community Library for exceptional contributions that have directly benefited the library and its patrons over the past 50 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage residents to participate in the Friends of the Library 50th Anniversary Celebration on May 19, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

Adopted the seventh of May in 2018 by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

Diana Hales, Chairman

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board

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