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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Proclaiming Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse and Exploitation Awareness Month in Chatham County

WHEREAS, Chatham County wishes to join the state, nation and world in recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on Monday, June 15, 2020, and the State of North Carolina in recognizing May 10th through June 21st as Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse and Exploitation Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, research shows that abuse, exploitation, and neglect (self and caregiver) of vulnerable and older adults all remain grossly underreported and affect vulnerable and older adults of every social, economic, racial and ethnic background; and

WHEREAS, protecting vulnerable and older adults is a civic responsibility, with State law requiring all persons to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation to County Social Services; and

WHEREAS, fraud and scams against older adults remain a major problem—including instances during the COVID-19 pandemic—robbing people of both their income and their dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Department of Social Services, the Chatham County Council on Aging, and the Chatham Sheriff's Office are among the many local organizations and groups working to raise greater awareness about elder abuse in its various forms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chatham County Board of County Commissioners that May 10 through June 21, 2020 is proclaimed Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse and Exploitation Awareness Month and calls upon the people of Chatham County to observe the month by honoring and respecting vulnerable and older adults, helping prevent abuse and exploitation, and taking steps otherwise to promote their well-being.

Adopted, this the ____ day of _____.

Karen Howard, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board