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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

DECLARATION OF MARCH 31, 2010 AS CHATHAM COUNTY CENSUS DAY

WHEREAS, the United States conducts a complete count of its residents every ten years through a Census and the 2010 Census forms will be arriving by mail to all addresses in March; and

WHEREAS, having a complete count of every man, woman and child in Chatham County is vital, because millions of dollars are distributed to the county, its schools and its towns based on Census counts; and

WHEREAS, just one uncouneted person could mean the loss of thousands of dollars over ten years; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Census is also vital because election districts for federal, state and local offices are required by law to be redrawn based on the results of the 2010 Census; and

WHEREAS, those who are not counted in the 2010 Census will be under-represented in election districts because they will not be included in election district maps; and

WHEREAS, businesses, nonprofits and many other groups also depend on accurate Census counts of residents to make decisions about products, locations and services; and

WHEREAS, residents can complete and return the forms without fear that the information they provide will be used against them for any reason, because federal law provides a \$250,000 fine and up to five years in prison for any Census staff member violating confidentiality of information; and

WHEREAS, residents can protect the privacy of their residences and farms by returning the Census questionnaires in postage-paid envelopes by April 1, 2010, which prevents a Census worker from having to visit residences to collect household information; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 questionnaire is shorter than ever and takes just ten minutes to complete.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners declares March 31, 2010 as Census Day in Chatham County and urges all residents to immediately complete and return their forms, because doing so enhances our revenues and ensures electoral representation of all residents.



 Sally Kost, Chair



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 Clerk to the Board of Commissioners