

Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Honoring the Service of Gywmn Johnson

Whereas, Gywmn Johnson began employment with the Chatham County Health Department on October 22, 1979 in the old building across from the Jordan Matthews High School; and

Whereas, Gywmn started when Chatham County was part of a four-county district consisting of Orange, Person, Caswell, and Chatham Counties; and

Whereas, Gywmn worked in Family Planning, School Health, and Home Health, which included one other clerical support, two nurses, one aide, one environmental health person and twenty people total in the Health Department; and

Whereas, Gywmn worked on these programs until February 1984; and

Whereas, at Christmas, during that time, they would go to someone's house and have their Christmas party; and

Whereas, when Gywmn returned from maternity leave, the Home Health Division of the Health Department had been separated into its own division within the Health Department and she assumed the role of Lead Clerical Worker; and

Whereas, in 1989, the first maternity clinic opened in Siler City and Gywmn became the support person and saw Medicaid revenues go from \$5,000 yearly to \$50,000 the first year and twenty new positions were added that year; and

Whereas, in addition to working with the new maternity clinic, Gywmn also took on the responsibility for third-party billing and assumed the position of Clerical Supervisor in the Siler City office with three clerks and two additional positions later added; and

Whereas, in 1994, Gywmn served on the Building Committee for the new Siler City Health Department, traveling around the State and touring health departments; and

Whereas, when Gywmn was in charge of purchasing the furniture for the new building and writing specs for the phone system, she found that they were \$26,000 short, and had to go before the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to ask for more money for the phone system; and

Whereas, in March 1996, the grand opening of the new building had to be delayed due to a Rubella outbreak; and

Whereas, billing for the agency had become so large that Health Director Wayne Sherman, wanted the billing and the supervision of the department separated and a billing department created; and

Whereas, Gywmn decided to give up supervision and moved to the Pittsboro Health Department to do billing full-time, which to date, has expanded such that there are five people who do all the billing for the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners honors this outstanding public servant and wishes her a well-deserved, happy, and fulfilling retirement.

Adopted this the 1st day of March, 2010, by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.


Sally Kost, Chair

ATTEST: 
Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, CCC