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## Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

### IN SUPPORT OF AN UPDATED ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP POLICY AND RECOGNITION OF THE GREEN TEAM

**WHEREAS**, in March 1999, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution entitled, "Resolution in Support of Chatham County Environmental Leadership"; and

**WHEREAS**, as specified in such Resolution, this policy will continue to be reviewed and modified; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chatham County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan continues to include goals and strategies for waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, purchasing recycled products, and education; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County is engaged in a contract to improve energy efficiency in County buildings and is committed to constructing new buildings to green building standards; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County actively promotes public transit, walking and biking; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is currently revising its land use plan to ensure responsible growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County recently completed a greenhouse gas emissions inventory; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting the environment for the benefit of future generations is in the public's interest; and

**WHEREAS**, compliance with environmental regulations in County government operations is the minimum expected performance level; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County has the internal expertise to integrate environmental considerations into our daily activities and optimize environmental performance throughout County operations; and

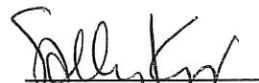
**WHEREAS**, Chatham County's Leadership Academy graduates have completed an assessment of environmental practices and created a sustainability index to measure the County's internal progress; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County employees have formed an internal committee (The Green Team) to identify and carry out environmental initiatives.


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners adopts the updated Chatham County Environmental Leadership Policy that will allow the County to serve as a model of environmental stewardship for local governments, businesses, and industry, and commits County employees to using and applying the County's existing and future resources wisely for the benefit of citizens.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The Green Team is recognized as an internal committee, and is authorized to identify, evaluate, and recommend action on environmental aspects of County operations that warrant examination, modification or corrective action; coordinate implementation and education of approved environmental initiatives; report findings and accomplishments; and update the Environmental Leadership Policy as needed.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2010.

  
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Sally Kost, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners