

**PROCLAMATION FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY  
IN CHATHAM COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, strong mental health is essential to the success of a child; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Department of Health and Human services, at least one in five children and adolescents have a mental health disorder with one in 10, or about 6 million people, suffering from a serious emotional disturbance; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health disorders can have negative impacts on behavior, school performance, and concentration; and

**WHEREAS**, untreated mental health disorders can lead to alcohol and drug abuse, violence, and life threatening behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, an awareness of the mental health services provided by Chatham county high schools can lead to diagnoses and treatments of these mental health disorders; and


**WHEREAS**, as parents, teachers, guidance counselors, neighbors, friends, and concerned citizens there are many ways to reach out to the youth of Chatham county that are in need of education, information and mental health resources; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 7, 2009, CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY in Chatham County.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

  
George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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