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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

RECOGNITION OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL & INDUSTRIAL FAIR SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 3, 2009

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Agricultural & Industrial Fair has been a major event in our history since its founding in 1950 by Cooperative Extension Agents Mildred Bright Peyton and Joseph Turner, who galvanized many influential African-American residents to make the fair a reality; and

WHEREAS, the County Fair became an event that highlighted the products, skills and crafts of the African-American residents in our rural communities, while also providing a friendly, safe place for African Americans across the county to gather and for children to enjoy treats and fun activities; and

WHEREAS, the County Fair has always offered a wide range of educational programs on such topics as food preparation, nutrition, sewing, gardening, home care and child care, and continues to fulfill this important role today; and

WHEREAS, the County Fair has a long-standing tradition of promoting the county's agricultural products and celebrating local farmers through competitions with prizes, shows, educational programs and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the County Fair continues to tempt visitors with homemade treats that are increasingly difficult to find, but easy to appreciate, such as pies, cookies, cakes, local canned goods, and churned ice cream; and

WHEREAS, the County Fair has evolved over time into an extraordinary community-focused event that aims to embrace all of the cultures, traditions and socio-economic groups in the county, but remains a safe, fun, educational and family-friendly celebration; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 County Fair on September 30 to October 3 will have something for everyone, including carnival rides, arcade games, performances by local school bands, an array of contests, a fashion show, and churned ice cream...as well as many other activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners supports the Chatham County Agricultural & Industrial Fair and honors its rich contributions to our history. We urge families and individuals to attend the fair to experience the joys that you can only find at a rural county fair like ours.

Adopted this 8th Day of September, 2009.

George Lucier, Chairman

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board
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