

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE SERVICE OF MARGARET BRYANT POLLARD TO CHATHAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, as a health professional, community activist, and county commissioner, Margaret Bryant Pollard has demonstrated tireless dedication to serving Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chatham County and a product of Chatham County Schools, Ms. Pollard demonstrated her strong commitment to improving education during her ten-year tenure on the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader among her peers, Ms. Pollard served as both Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners, a role from which she advocated for the needs of Chatham County's underprivileged and promoted numerous initiatives to protect quality of life and make the county a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the need for planned development and growth, Commissioner Pollard was instrumental in accomplishing several long-range planning efforts, including development of the County's first Strategic Plan, a Land Use Development Plan, the Compact Communities Ordinance, and water and sewer feasibility studies; and

WHEREAS, continuing the legacy of her father, Ms. Pollard was a major force in ensuring the continuation and improvement of the Chatham County Fair and its emphasis on the agricultural roots of the County; and


WHEREAS, Ms. Pollard was a tremendously positive influence on improving relationships between peoples of different races, ethnicities, faiths, and backgrounds, and was recognized for her service in this area when she was awarded the 2009 Robert A. Siler Lifetime Achievement in Human Relations; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Pollard's service to the County is exemplified in many areas including serving as chair of the Joint Orange-Chatham Community Action Agency and her membership in the Mt. View A.M.E. Zion Church, Environmental Management Commission, Economic Development Board, and Family Resource Center, to name a few.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, that we do honor, commend, and recognize Commissioner Margaret Bryant Pollard for her many years of service to Chatham County and her profound and lasting effect on the county's past, present, and future.


This 14th day of September, 2009.

CHATHAM COUNTY



Dr. George Lucier, Chair
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Sandra B. Sublett, Clerk to the Board