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## Resolution of Assistance to Siler City With Closing of Pilgrim's Pride

**Whereas**, Siler City is a critical and an integral part of Chatham County; and,

**Whereas**, the economic vitality of that community is essential to the community and the County as a whole; and,

**Whereas**, that economic vitality has been eroding for sometime; and,

**Whereas**, the recent announcement that the Pilgrim's Pride poultry operation in Siler City would be closing; and,

**Whereas**, layoffs will total 830 plus workers by the first part of June 2008; and,

**Whereas**, at least forty poultry growers in Chatham County will be directly impacted by this plant closing; and,

**Whereas**, community disruption, will be substantial due to this closing; and,

**Whereas**, unemployment represents significant losses financially to those directly affected and, further, the loss of sales in other community businesses will be substantial; and,

**Whereas**, this impact will directly affect the fiscal well-being of Siler City and its community services; and,

**Whereas**, unemployment often leads to a variety of stresses in the households and communities of those adversely affected; and,

**Whereas**, those stresses can lead to a higher incidence of domestic violence and other crimes in the community; and,

**Whereas**, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners recognizes the full impact and adverse conditions that arise from loss of jobs in the community; and,

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners strives for a high quality of life for all its citizens; and,

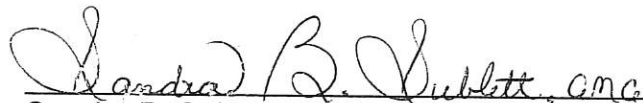
**Therefore**, be it resolved, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners goes on record as fully supporting the community of Siler City.

**Be it further resolved**, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners is committed to assisting those affected by the closing of Pilgrim's Pride in any appropriate way possible.

**Be it further resolved**, that the County views this latest loss of economic strength as a very serious and critical issue and that the County through the Economic Development Corporation, intends to offer the highest support possible for our existing businesses and to work diligently to enhance our attractiveness for businesses interested in locating to Siler City and our County.

Adopted this, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

  
George Lucier, Chairman

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