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## Sexual Assault Awareness Month

**Whereas**, sexual assault affects every person in Chatham County, as a victim/survivor or as a family member, friend, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

**Whereas**, at least 173 community members from Chatham County sought services for sexual assault last year; and

**Whereas**, staff and volunteers of Family Violence and Rape Crisis Services and many community partner agencies are promoting prevention education by offering training to schools, churches, civic organizations and the community; and


**Whereas**, law enforcement, medical providers, mental health practitioners, prosecutors, probation and parole, victim advocates and human services agencies are collaborating through the Coalition for Family Peace to improve the community response to sexual assault and to provide safety and coordinated services to survivors while holding perpetrators accountable; and

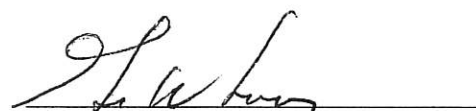
**Whereas**, it is critical to increase public awareness of sexual assault and child sexual abuse, to educate people about the need for community involvement in efforts to reduce sexual violence, and to increase support for agencies providing sexual assault services; and

**Whereas**, the members of the Coalition for Family Peace request public support and assistance as they continue to work toward a society where all children, women and men can live in safety, free from violence and exploitation.

**Now, therefore, we, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners**, do hereby proclaim April 2008 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Chatham County and commend this observance to all community members.

Adopted this, 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

  
Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board  
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