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Resolution to Support a Supplemental Funding Bill to the US Congress, September 2008 Session, To Provide Funding for Older Americans Act Title III Programs and Services

WHEREAS, the Chatham County, North Carolina Board of Commissioners wishes to support programs and services that enable older adults to live independently by choice and in dignity and to avoid costly and premature institutionalization;

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Council on Aging is the portal of entry for services for older adults in Chatham County and delivers services under Title III of the Older Americans Act to those of the 10,000 older adults in Chatham County who qualify for such services;

WHEREAS, funding for Older Americans Act Title III programs has not kept pace with inflation nor the increasing population of vulnerable older adults, even as food and transportation costs increase and these same costs drive increasing numbers of older adults to seek services to help them remain in their homes;

WHEREAS, these Older Americans Act Title III programs include nutritious noontime congregate and home delivered meals, transportation to meal sites, to medical appointments, and to health and wellness opportunities;

WHEREAS, a supplemental funding bill, a second economic stimulus package, has been proposed in the Congress of the United States of America that can provide funding for OAA Title III programs;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County, North Carolina Board of Commissioners supports the emergency funding bill before the Congress to support Older Americans Act Title III programs, specifically nutrition and transportation programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be faxed and mailed to the Washington, DC offices of each Representative and Senator elected to serve and represent Chatham County, North Carolina.

Adopted this 18th day of August, 2008.

George Lucier, Chairman

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