

## Resolution Proclaiming Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**Whereas;** domestic violence 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;** many community members in Chatham County are working to provide quality services and assistance to domestic violence survivors and dedicated volunteers help staff the 24-hour hotline, respond to emergency calls and offer support comfort and advocacy throughout the healing process; 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, prosecutors, probation and parole, victim advocates and human services agencies are collaborating to improve the community response to domestic violence and provide safety, support and services to survivors while holding perpetrators accountable; and

**Whereas;** it is vitally important that continued educational efforts about prevention and services for domestic violence be supported and enhanced; and


**Whereas;** it is critical to increase public awareness of domestic violence, to educate people about the need for community involvement in efforts to reduce domestic violence, to increase support for agencies providing domestic violence services and to increase awareness of the healing power of creative expression; and


**Whereas;** the Coalition for Family Peace requests public support and assistance as it continues to work toward a society where all children, women and men can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation;

**Now, therefore, we, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners,** do hereby proclaim October 2007 as in Chatham County and commend this observance to all community members.

Adopted this, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2007.

ATTEST:

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

  
Carl E. Thompson, Sr. Chairman