

Resolution Concerning Vandalism With Racial Overtones

Whereas, Chatham County has a wealth of diversity, and,

Whereas, the vast majority of citizens in the county live, work and worship in peace and fellowship, and,

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the value of community and strives to bring people together, and,

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County are working to improve communication among the diverse cultures of Chatham County, and

Whereas, over a span of several months, events in our county including burning the mail box of Board of Commission Chairman, painting KKK letters on road signs and on highway pavement suggest divides in the community which are in direct conflict with the values we strive to achieve in Chatham County, and,

Whereas, vandalous acts in some parts of the county have racial overtones geared to disrupt and elicit fear among its citizens, and,


Whereas, in Chatham County, in North Carolina and our great nation we have made great strides in breaking down barriers, defeating fear mongering and improving relationships of all sorts,

Whereas, we the Board of Commissioners categorically reject such displays as provocative and inappropriate,


Therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Commissioners hereby goes on record strongly condemning the activities of those who would plan and carry out actions that attempt fear and intimidation within our borders.

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Commissioners request that the FBI and SBI be contacted to coordinate with Chatham Sheriff's Office to ascertain whether these episodes rise to the level of hate crimes and prosecute to the fullest extent of the law should these events be determined to be hate crimes.

Approved this, 1st day of October, 2007.


 Carl E. Thompson Sr., Chairman

ATTEST:


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