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RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2006 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, our children look upon us to serve as their protectors, role models, heroes, and heroines; and

WHEREAS, children who are loved, grow to love others. They give to their families, neighborhoods, the County, and the entire State the good that was bestowed on them. The legacy continues; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect happen all over the community; it has no social or economic boundaries. We dedicate our energies to preventing child physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect and their terrible legacy; and

WHEREAS, approximately 111,000 North Carolina children were reported as abused and neglected last year, and at least 30 children died in 2004 due to abuse; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by the entire community and preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of every citizen and community member.

WHEREAS, it is vital that we join together in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, do hereby proclaim April 2006, as "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" in Chatham County and urge our citizens to support this observance.

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2006.

Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

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