## RESOLUTION

## HONORING THE SERVICE OF COMMISSIONER THOMAS J. EMERSON

WHEREAS, as an advocate for agriculture, a long-time community volunteer, and county commissioner, Thomas J. "Tommy" Emerson has demonstrated unwavering dedication to improving Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, during his four-year tenure on the Board of Commissioners, including service as Chair and Vice Chair, Commissioner Emerson has worked tirelessly to bring water to all residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, his strong background in banking and finance has served the county well as he and his fellow commissioners have implemented plans to provide the county with adequate facilities for the next 20 years, including a business park in Siler City and the Western Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, proudly continuing the legacy of his family's service to Chatham County, Mr. Emerson will be greatly missed for his skills in diplomacy and his ability to find humor in difficult situations; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Emerson's service to the County is exemplified in many areas including his work as a trustee, deacon, and Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church in Siler City; membership in the Sandy Creek Association Executive Council and Masonic Lodge; and his leadership of the Chatham County Agriculture Advisory Council and Chatham County Agri-Business Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham, North Carolina, that we do honor and commend Commissioner Thomas J. "Tommy" Emerson for his many years of service to Chatham County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we extend our best wishes to Commissioner Emerson and his family.

Adopted this, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.

Bunkey Morgan, Chair

Patrick Barnes, Commissioner

Mike Cross, Commissioner

Carl Outz, Commissioner