

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

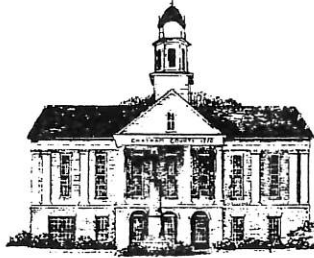
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PROCLAMATION PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH APRIL 2005

Whereas, over the past 50 years, the United States has achieved significant increases in life expectancy and reductions in the incidence of injury, disability and disease;

Whereas, of the 30 additional years of life expectancy we have gained since the turn of the century, the public health approach is credited with the majority--approximately 25 years--of improvements in our health status and expanded life expectancy;

Whereas, public health succeeds by identifying and addressing patterns of disease, illness and injury in populations;

Whereas, the use of population-based strategies for disease and injury prevention, public health has contributed to the decline in illness and injury, including heart disease and stroke, tobacco-related diseases, infectious diseases and motor vehicle and workplace injuries;

Whereas, National Public Health Month provides the focused opportunity for the public and public health professionals to learn about public health concerns and success stories which are vital to healthy communities, such as immunizing against infectious disease, maintaining good nutritional standards and providing good prenatal care;

Whereas, the National Public Health Month theme for 2005 – Empowering Americans to Live Stronger, Longer--seeks to help older Americans overcome barriers to achieving good health through prevention, protection and planning to live longer, healthier lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham, North Carolina that April 2005 is National Public Health Month and commends this observance to all residents.

Adopted this, Fourth of April 2005.


Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Sandra B. Sublett, Clerk to the Board
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