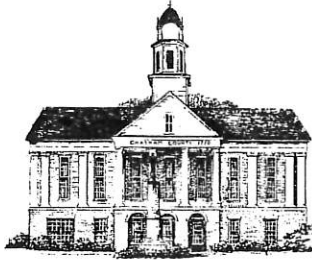


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PROCLAMATION PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH APRIL 2004

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

WHEREAS, of the thirty additional years of life expectancy we have gained since the turn of the century, the public health approach is credited with the majority – approximately twenty-five 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, through 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, the mission of the Chatham County Public Health Department is to protect and promote the health of Chatham County residents in partnership with the community by preventing the spread of disease, fostering healthy lifestyles, reducing health risks and assuring safe environments, providing or assuring quality health services, responding to disaster, and assisting communities in recovery efforts;

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;

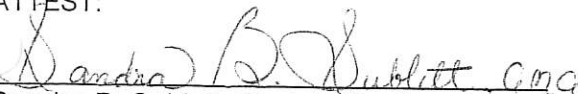
WHEREAS, National Public Health Month theme for 2004, *“Eliminating Health Disparities: Communities Moving from Statistics to Solutions”* seeks to educate Americans about disparities in health and highlight community programs that have been successful at eliminating and reducing health disparities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham, North Carolina that April 2004 is National Public Health Month and commends this observance to all residents.

Adopted this, fifth day of April 2004.


 Tommy J. Emerson, Chairman

ATTEST:


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