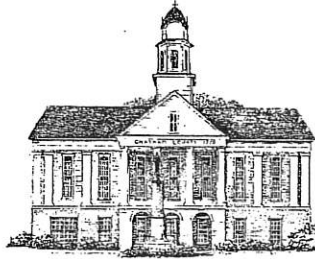


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RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2003 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, our children are our hope for the future, and look to us to be their protectors, role models, heroes and heroines; and

WHEREAS, children who are loved and nurtured grow up to love and nurture others. They give back to their own families, their neighborhoods, and their communities the good that was bestowed upon them; and

WHEREAS, 220 cases of child abuse and neglect were investigated in Chatham County last year, and the painful wounds of child abuse are carried into adulthood by its victims.

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect know 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, preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of every citizen, and community action and involvement are essential to breaking the cycle of abuse; and


WHEREAS, it is vital that we join together to reach out to parents and children to prevent the senseless abuse and neglect of all children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina that April 2003 is hereby proclaimed "**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**" in Chatham County, and we urge our citizens to support this observance.

Adopted this, the 7th day of April, 2003.


Tommy Emerson, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Sandra Lee Sublett, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County