

**Resolution Requesting  
Public Support of the Existence and Mission  
Of Chatham Marketplace, Inc.**

**WHEREAS**, Chatham Marketplace, Inc. is a cooperative enterprise that will meet local economic and social needs by providing our owners and our entire community with outstanding food products and services; and

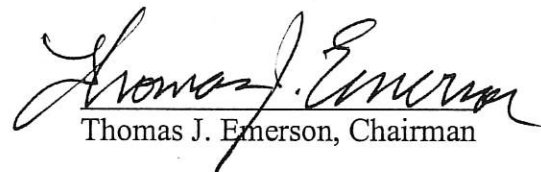
**WHEREAS**, many residents of this community have already purchased their ownership shares in Chatham Marketplace, Inc. and many more residents of Chatham will be owners, employees, suppliers, and customers and contribute to the tax base of the county because of transactions at Chatham Marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham Marketplace aims to be a focal point of the local food economy by prioritizing business with our local, sustainable growers and producers and providing them a regular, visible outlet for their wares and spreading good will and well-being throughout our community; and


**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of Chatham Marketplace believe the existence of our market will enhance the economic vitality in general of one of the significant downtown areas in our county; and

**WHEREAS**, this request meets two Chatham County goals, including economic development of surrounding rural areas while also offering incentive to preserve our farms and rural character;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners that we, the Board of Directors of Chatham Marketplace, hereby request that the said Commissioners offer official and public support of the establishment and mission of Chatham Marketplace, Inc.

  
Thomas J. Emerson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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