

Chatham County
Proclaiming June 5, 2002 As
"Community Advisory Committee Appreciation Day"

WHEREAS nursing homes and adult care homes have accepted the responsibility for providing long term care health services to the citizens of our community; and

WHEREAS more than 500 residents reside in longterm care facilities in Chatham County; and

WHEREAS the quality of care and the quality of life of longterm care residents depend upon the daily, conscientious services and hands-on care provided by long term care facility staff and the honoring of the federal and state Residents' Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS nursing home and adult care home community advisory committees, the members of which are appointed by county commissioners, serve as grassroots ombudsmen and advocates for the rights of residents to ensure their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being; and

WHEREAS nursing home and adult care home community advisory committees are composed of trained volunteers who collaborate closely with residents, family members, facility staff, the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, and regulatory agencies to ensure quality care in full recognition of residents' dignity and individuality; and

WHEREAS the committees promote community education and awareness of the needs of longterm care residents and work towards keeping the public informed about aspects of longterm care; and

WHEREAS the committees educate themselves on the general conditions under which residents are residing in the homes and work for the best interests of these residents; and

WHEREAS these committees serve as the nucleus for increased community involvement with long term care facilities and their residents;

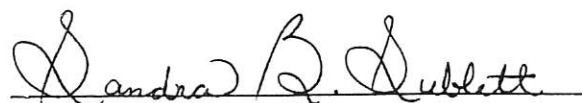
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina, that we hereby proclaim June 5, 2002 as "Community Advisory Committee Appreciation Day" and urge all citizens to join with us in this observation.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we encourage citizens to express appreciation for the advocacy efforts of the Nursing Home and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee members who represent the public good for Chatham County.



Gary Phillips, Chair

ATTEST



Sandra B. Sublett, Clerk to the Board