

**CHATHAM COUNTY
HEALTH CENTER WEEK
PROCLAMATION
August 18 – 24, 2002**

WHEREAS, There is a significant number of residents and citizens in Chatham County who are currently medically underserved for a number of reasons, the most prominent of which include geographical isolation, financial or language barriers, and insufficient access to affordable health care; and

WHEREAS, Piedmont Health Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit corporation that operates six health centers and a birthing center in four counties including Orange, Alamance, Chatham and Caswell that provides high quality comprehensive primary health care to medically underserved people, and

WHEREAS, Piedmont Health Services has made great strides in this multi County region by maintaining a high standard of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness, empowering our community to develop programs to meet its specific needs, and providing health care services in accessible low-cost environments; and

WHEREAS, Piedmont Health Services has also made a significant difference in this county health care system by improving access to quality health care provided by trained professionals in areas that had been underserved, promoting individual responsibility and health awareness in the community, and offering primary preventive health care of the highest quality to reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers like those operated by Piedmont Health Services promote 100% access and zero health disparities to help achieve primary health care for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners do hereby **proclaim the week of August 18 to 24 as "Health Center Week" in Chatham County** and urge our citizens to recognize the important contributions of the health centers operated by Piedmont Health Services, Inc. to the improvement of the general quality of life of the residents and citizens of Chatham County.

This resolution is adopted this 19TH day of August, 2002.

*Garry Phillips, Chair
Chatham Board of Commissioners*