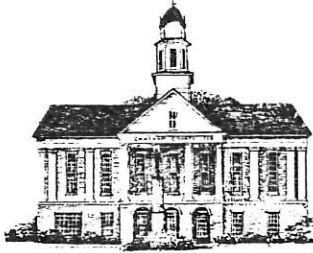


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PROCLAMATION PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2002

WHEREAS, in the year 2002, approximately 198,000 men in the United States will learn that they have prostate cancer and, across the nation, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer in men, in North Carolina, 5,600 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and 900 will die from it; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 31,500 men will lose their lives to this disease this year and one in six men in the nation are at risk of developing prostate cancer during their lifetimes; and,

WHEREAS, about 25 percent of prostate cancer occurs in men under the age of 65, during their prime years at work and at any age, prostate cancer devastates families, through loss of income, partnership and support; and,

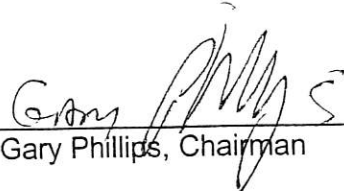
WHEREAS, African-American families are disproportionately affected and African-American men in North Carolina have the highest prostate cancer mortality rates in the world; and,

WHEREAS, prostate cancer has accounted, on average, for 15 percent of the nation's cancer burden and 15 percent of male cancer deaths, it has received, on average, only about 5 percent of the funds this nation commits to cancer research; and,

WHEREAS, research suggests that men could reduce their risk of prostate cancer mortality if they followed recommended prostate cancer screening guidelines, including examination by a health care provider; and,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham, North Carolina that September 2002 is PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in Chatham County and urges all men to become aware of their own risks of prostate cancer.

Adopted this, the 16th day of September, 2002.



Gary Phillips, Chairman

ATTEST:



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