

# COUNTY OF CHATHAM

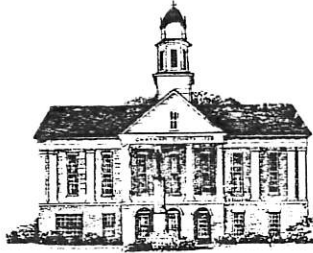
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## Domestic Violence Awareness Month and National Unity Day 2002

**Whereas**, domestic violence is a pattern of coercion and control in an intimate relationship where one person uses violence to gain power and control over their partner; and

**Whereas**, domestic violence includes not only physical abuse, but also mental abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse, isolation, and sexual violence; and

**Whereas**, nearly 25 percent of American women report being raped and/or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, partner, or date at some time in their lifetime, according to the National Violence Against Women Survey; and

**Whereas**, thirty percent of Americans say they know a woman who has been physically abused by her husband or boyfriend in the past year; and

**Whereas**, women of all races and socioeconomic backgrounds are vulnerable to violence by an intimate partner; and

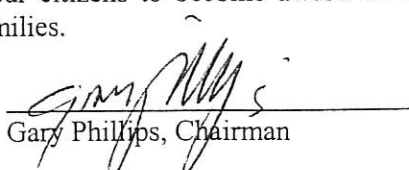
**Whereas**, in North Carolina, domestic violence programs provide services to over 40,000 victims each year, according to the Council for Women; and

**Whereas**, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends every day; and

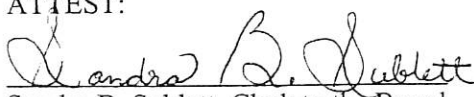
**Whereas**, in 2001 North Carolina ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the number of women murdered by men, and so far this year more than 30 women, men, and children have been murdered as a result of domestic violence this year; and

**Whereas**, since 1996, five Chatham County residents have been murdered by their husbands or boyfriends.

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 2002 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month". We further urge our citizens to become aware of this destructive force in our society and to become part of the efforts to stop violence in families.

  
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Gary Phillips, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra B. Sublett, Clerk to the Board  
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