



Established 1771

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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Declaring 2021 the Semiquincentennial of Chatham County

Where as: in the 1740's European settlers arrived in this geographical area and began to live among the native peoples,

Where as: In 1752, this land became Orange County with Hillsborough as the County seat in the royal colony of North Carolina,

Where as: the distance of a day's walk to the county seat and a day back was burdensome and the county officers were inclined to neglect and abuse those citizens at that great distance and

Where as: in 1766 the Regulators were formed by citizens suffering under the abuses of royal power and lack of representation and access to grieve their royal government, and

Where as: that same royal government determined to split Orange County to make local government more accessible and responsive to grievances, and

Where as: On December 5th, 1770, the bill to establish Chatham County was introduced at the Colonial Assembly held at New Berne, and

Where as: that Act read in part:

“An Act for establishing a New County between Campbleton (Campbelton) and Hillsborough, by taking the Southern Part of the Inhabitants of Orange County, and by erecting the same into a Distinct County, by the name of Chatham County, and St. Bartholomew Parish.” The new county to be named in honor of the first Earl of Chatham, William Pitt, defender of Constitutional and American Rights as a member of the British Parliament, and

Where as: that Act was ratified in the Colonial Assembly January 26, 1771, and

Where as: that Act was effective April 1st, 1771 and

Where as: Chatham County celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the establishment of the County in 1971 with a Spectacular, a historical pageant, publishing a bi-centennial book and many other community activities in celebration of the Anniversary and remembrance of the history of Chatham County, and

Where as: 2021 is the 250th, the semiquincentennial anniversary of the year Chatham County was established and

Where as: the current citizens and their County Commissioners desire a year of festivities that illuminate the past, present, and future of Chatham County and celebrate Chatham County's nature, community and culture, and desire a way to rejoice in the Creative Arts, Diversity and Community, Growth and Change, Agriculture, and Natural Environment of Chatham County and its citizens,

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved: by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Chatham County Citizens, 2021 is the year of the Chatham County Semiquincentennial.

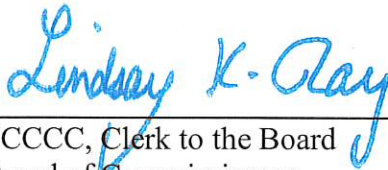
Be it further resolved that his Resolution be entered into the permanent records of Chatham County, North Carolina.

Adopted, this the 7th day of December 2020.



Mike Dasher, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

