

# COUNTY OF CHATHAM



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## Resolution Proclaiming Trees of Strength Month

**WHEREAS**, our state, nation, and world mourn the loss of thousands of people who died in the tragedies of September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the need to celebrate the heroic actions taken by firefighters and police officers on September 11<sup>th</sup> and always; and

**WHEREAS**, service men and women from Chatham County have been deployed to protect and defend our nation and many more stand ready to do so; and

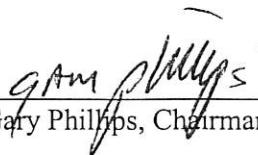
**WHEREAS**, trees have long been seen as an enduring symbol of life and renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, trees enhance the appearance of our communities; increase property value; provide food and shelter for wildlife; reduce energy costs, soil erosion, and stormwater runoff; and thus enhance our mental and physical well-being; and

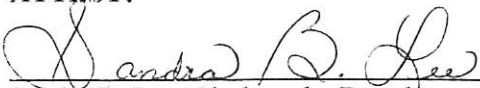
**WHEREAS**, Chatham County's Master Gardener Volunteers and Cooperative Extension educators are helping citizens in the County learn to properly plant and maintain trees as an enduring reminder of those we lost September 11<sup>th</sup> and to honor those who protect and defend us.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina do hereby proclaim November 2001 as "Trees of Strength Month" in Chatham County and urge all citizens to commend this observation.

Adopted this, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.

  
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Gary Phillips, Chairman

### ATTEST:

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