## **Chatham County**

## Proclamation Declaring December 19, 2001 As "Isabel Petty Harris" Day

WHEREAS, on December 19, 1911, Isabel Petty Harris was born the eldest child of Turner and Mattie Petty; and

WHEREAS, a Chatham County native who worked throughout her childhood picking cotton on her family's farm, Mrs. Harris has her roots deep in Chatham soil; and

WHEREAS, showing a deep devotion to her family, Mrs. Harris raised four children and three step-children after her marriage to Thomas Harris on December 26, 1932; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris, who continues to work four days a week, has worked hard all her life in a variety of jobs, including her family farm during her childhood; the hosiery mills of Pittsboro and Alamance in the 1940s and 1950s; alterations work at Pittsboro Dry Cleaners during the 1960s; and her own business, Harris Alterations, which she opened in 1970; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Mrs. Harris still attends church every Sunday and Bible study every week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina, that we hereby declare the occasion of her 90th birthday, December 19, 2001, as "Isabel Petty Harris Day" in Chatham County.

Adopted this, the 10th day of December, 2001

Gary Phillips, Chair

Rick Givens, Commissioner

Margaret Bryant Folland Margaret Bryant Pollard, Vice Chair

Bob Atwater, Commissioner

Carl Outz, Commissioner