Chatham County Resolution Honoring Lambert Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Rev. William Harrington, Pastor

WHEREAS, on, Sunday, 26 March 2000, the congregation of Lambert Chapel Missionary Baptist Church dedicated its new sanctuary and thus began a new chapter in the distinguished history of the church; and

WHEREAS, Lambert Chapel, one of the oldest African-American churches in Chatham County, was organized in 1866, the year following the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the church has provided leadership in many public and private initiatives, including the Chatham County Industrial & Agricultural Fair Association, law enforcement efforts, and service to the aged and sick; and

WHEREAS, while the church has been a tremendous community resource in these areas, perhaps its most important contribution has been in developing solid citizens of Chatham County who have a strong sense of service to others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina, that we hereby honor Lambert Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of the dedication of the church's new sanctuary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby acknowledge the important role Lambert Chapel has played in the spiritual development of our citizens and our community during the past 134 years.

Adopted this, the 3rd day of April, 2000.

Rick Givens, Chair

ATTEST

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board