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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHATHAM COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has adopted both a waste reduction goal of 40% on a per capita basis by 30 June 2001 and a hierarchy of waste management methods in descending order of preference as follows:

- 1. Waste Reduction at the Source
- 2. Recycling and Reuse
- 3. Composting
- 4. Incineration with Energy Recovery
- 5. Incineration without Energy Recovery
- 6. Disposal in Landfills; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County 10-year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan states that the planning area has established a local goal of 30% waste reduction by June 30, 2001 and a goal of 35% to be reached by June 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County should, through cost-effective waste prevention and recycling activities, work to conserve natural resources and to stimulate markets for the recyclables that we are collecting by purchasing products made with these materials and serve as a model in this regard for private and public institutions; and

WHEREAS, the use of recycled and environmentally friendly products and services by Chatham County can spur private sector development of new technologies and use of such products, thereby creating business and employment opportunities and enhancing regional and local economies; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners that in order to show more concern for the environment and to serve as a role model for other businesses and industry in Chatham County, the County hereby establishes the Chatham County Environmental Leadership Policy. This policy promotes waste reduction, toxicity reduction, recycling, buy-recycled efforts, and energy conservation within Chatham County Departments and Agencies and will continue to be reviewed and modified.

Rick Givens, Chairman

ATTEST

Sandra B. Lee. Clerk to the Board

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