

COUNTY OF CHATHAM

Res. #99-24

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ORGANIZED 1770

707 SQUARE MILES

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 25, 1999 AS HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN CHATHAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, hunting and fishing have always been an important part of the North Carolina tradition. While these activities may no longer be necessary for survival, as during the early days of Chatham County, they are still relevant today. And most Americans believe that such activities continue to be popular. Their perceptions are right on target. For example, the number of women involved in the shooting sports has increased by more than 80% in the past ten years.

WHEREAS hunting and fishing are so much more than recreational pursuits. For over 100 years, hunters and anglers have been at the forefront of the conservation movement. Not content with vocalizing their support, they requested special fees and taxes on their equipment to pay for wildlife management, habitat restoration and other conservation programs. During that time they raised over \$21 billion, now adding some \$3.5 million per day nationally.

WHEREAS, this financial support has provided the basis for scientific research, habitat restoration and education which have led to the dramatic comeback of wildlife in North Carolina such as wild turkey, river otters, tundra swans, and other waterfowl, alligators, shore birds, bald eagles and other raptors and fur bearers.

WHEREAS, dollars and cents alone do not represent the true worth of our outdoor traditions. Wealthier than any millionaire is one with greater awareness, understanding, and respect of the natural environment and its wildlife. Wealthier still are the ethical hunters and anglers who share this treasure with a youngster, friends or relative. We would like to urge hunters and anglers in Chatham County to recognize this year's Hunting & Fishing Day observance by inviting a friend, family member or co-worker to experience the outdoor traditions together and to continue our important work in wildlife conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of past and current conservation achievements of ethical hunters and anglers in Chatham County, we the Commission of Chatham County do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 25, 1999 as Hunting and Fishing Day in Chatham County.

Adopted this 7th day of September, 1999.



Rick Givens, Chairman

ATTEST:



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