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Resolution Recognizing the Contributions Of Chatham County Employees, Organizations and Citizens during Hurricane Floyd

WHEREAS, on September 15th, 1999, the most accurate predictions placed Chatham County near the center of the Hurricane Floyd inland storm track, and the County responded by declaring a state of emergency additionally asking the County departments and organizations to prepare for the storm including the effort to shelter residents; and

WHEREAS, a number of employees from the county departments of Social Services, Manager's Office, Health, Emergency Operations, Sheriff, Public Works, Tax, Finance, Council on Aging, and Inspections willingly provided security, food, healthcare and performed other duties at the shelters that evening; and

WHEREAS, they were joined by those assisting from the Red Cross, First Health, Town of Pittsboro, OPC Mental Health, Chatham Transit, Chat-ham Amateur Radio Club, Salvation Army and WNCA and other citizen volunteers in making the shelters a safe, secure haven for approximately 800 county residents who fled the storm's fury; and

WHEREAS, county heads of departments manned the Emergency Operations Center during the nighttime hours at the height of the storm to provide direction and control in the emergency; and

WHEREAS, a number of those employees and volunteers stayed on duty in excess of 24 hours without relief going far beyond the call of duty in assisting with the operation of the shelters and EOC during the storm;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham, North Carolina that we do hereby extend our grateful and heartfelt appreciation to the County departments and employees involved as well as to those employees of other organizations and citizen volunteers for their hard work and dedication to assist the residents of Chatham County in the threat of impending disaster.

Adopted this, the 4th day of October, 1999.

Rick Givens, Chair

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board

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