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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 1495 "AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF HEALTH INFORMATION"

WHEREAS, health information is personal and sensitive information which, if inaccurately collected, documented, or improperly used may cause significant harm to a patient's interests in privacy and health care; and

WHEREAS, current North Carolina laws and regulations provide, at best, an inconsistent and incomplete treatment of laws and policies related to the subject of health care information in any format; and

WHEREAS, there are continuing pressures to improve the quality of health care while at the same time dealing with increasing complexity and cost that has led to an acceleration in the use of computers and communications to manage health information; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to establish legislative policies and guidelines to ensure that health information is: 1. Secure, Private, Accurate and Reliable, 2. Information is properly disclosed, and 3. Accessible only to those with a legitimate need for the information.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, officially request that the representatives of Chatham County support the passage of House Bill 1495.

Adopted this, the 13th day of July, 1998.

Margaret Bryant Pollard Chair

ATTEST

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board

Chatham County Board of Commissioners