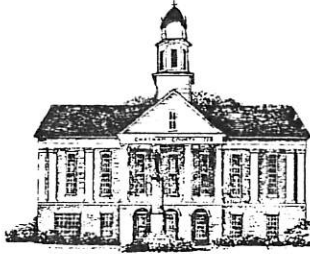


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**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 26, 1998 AS HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN
 CHATHAM COUNTY**

WHEREAS, hunting and fishing have always been an important part of the North Carolina tradition. 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 10 years, hunters and anglers have been at the forefront of the conservation movement giving of their time and finances. In fact, they have provided over \$20 billion to wildlife management programs, contributing \$3.5 million per day nationally. In 1996, North Carolinians contributed nearly 30 million for licenses and wildlife stamp and excise taxes on sporting equipment.

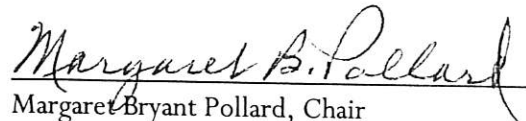
WHEREAS, this financial support has provided the basis for scientific research, habitat restoration, and education which have led to the dramatic come back of wildlife in North Carolina such as wild turkey, river otters, tundra swans, and other waterfowl, alligators, shore birds, bald eagles, and other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

WHEREAS, hunters and anglers are also important to the economy. With the average sportsman spending \$1,024 on food, lodging, equipment, real estate leases, and conservation fees, it is hardly a surprise that one million jobs are directly or indirectly supported by hunting and fishing.


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, friend, or relative.

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 26, 1998 as Hunting and Fishing Day in Chatham County.

Adopted, this the 8th day of September, 1998.


 Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST


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