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**ORGANIZED 1770** 

707 SQUARE MILES

## RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER AS FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION AND HOLIDAY FIRE PREVENTION/SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1997, there were over 13,000 residential fires in the State of North Carolina, and fire departments responded to a call every 3 minutes; and

WHEREAS, during the holiday season, there is always an increase in avoidable residential fires; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners is very concerned about fire prevention and safety for its over 45,000 residents at all times, and especially during the upcoming holiday season; and

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters comprise the majority of the fire prevention and safety efforts in Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters in Chatham County have saved many lives and reduce property losses, and continue to make Chatham County a safer place to live.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners recognizes all of the heroic efforts and time put forth by volunteer firefighters in Chatham County, and designates November as Firefighter Appreciation Month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners designate November as Holiday Fire Prevention/Safety Month, and wish that all residents of the County remain safe during the upcoming holiday season.

Adopted this, the 19th day of October, 1998.

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