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PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY IN CHATHAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, for the eighth year, the fourth Saturday in October has been designated as national *Make A Difference Day*, America's most encompassing day of community service, in partnership with USA TODAY WEEKEND newspaper and The Points of Light Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Family Center is recognized as a registered participating agency in this national event through its student team of Horton Middle School seventh graders, who have organized a Clean Out Your Closet day to collect donated items in new or very good condition for a "Community Store" where Chatham County families in need can "purchase" items with points they've earned through community service work, thereby enhancing their self-esteem as parents by allowing them the dignity of being the bearers of gifts for their children; and

WHEREAS, the local event is a community-strengthening collaborative project of students, parents, teachers, school administrators, individuals, families, local government and community agencies, religious groups, civic organizations, businesses, and the community at-large; and transcends cultural, ethnic, gender, and socioeconomic borders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham, North Carolina that, in recognition of the importance of community service and the dignity of our families in need, we do hereby designate October 24, 1998 to be *Make A Difference Day* in Chatham County.

Adopted this, the 19th day of October, 1998

Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board