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## RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS WEEK SEPTEMBER 14 – 23, 1997 "AMERICA'S HEALTH CENTERS: MAKING THE CONNECTION FOR HEALTH AND PREVENTION"

WHEREAS, There are over 940 Migrant and Community Health Centers operating in the United States serving over 10 million registered children and adult patients; and

WHEREAS, These centers operate in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico in areas which previously lacked adequate health care providers to meet the needs of area residents; and

WHEREAS, all of these health centers provide access to quality services while removing economic, cultural, geographic and other barriers to adequate health care; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers nationwide help governments control costs for health services by reducing inappropriate use of emergency room services and help to lower hospital admissions while providing higher childhood immunization rates; and

WHEREAS, PIEDMONT HEALTH SERVICES, INC., which operates health centers in Orange, Chatham, Caswell, and Alamance Counties serves all residents of these areas without regard to their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, PIEDMONT HEALTH SERVICES, INC., has served over 50,000 registered patients annually in these communities for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, The services of Piedmont Health Services and other community health centers contribute to the safety net in communities which help to keep many families from falling into poverty; and

WHEREAS, PIEDMONT HEALTH SERVICES is celebrating the week of September 14-23, 1997 as COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK in order to focus the attention of the community on the contribution of community health centers to economic and physical health of the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CHATHAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT commends Piedmont Health Services, Inc. for its commitment to improving access to quality primary care services in this community and encourages the entire community to recognize September 14-21, 1997 as COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK in CHATHAM COUNTY.

Adopted this, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 1997.

Margaret Bryant Pollard, Chair

ATTEST

Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board

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