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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Established 1771

Honoring Commissioner James G. Crawford for His Service to Chatham County

WHEREAS, Dr. James G. Crawford was educated at Penn State University from 1984-1988 and earned a Bachelor’s degree in History and was also educated at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1988-2002 and earned Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), U.S. History (Foreign Relations); and

WHEREAS, Dr. James G. Crawford was formerly employed as History Lecturer at Elon University, Visiting Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and Associate Professor of University Studies and History at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James G. Crawford was elected by the residents of Chatham County both in November of 2014 and again in November of 2018 to consecutive four year terms as the Chatham County Commissioner for District 4; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford was elected as Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners in 2014, 2015, and 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford was appointed by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to serve as a voting delegate on the Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees from 2014-2021; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford was elected as Vice Chairman and the Chairman of the Triangle J Council of Governments Board of Delegates in 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford was instrumental in the opening of six county buildings during his tenure as County Commissioner: the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center, the Joint County and School Bus Garage, the CCCC Health Sciences Building, Chatham Grove Elementary School, Seaforth High School, and the new Animal Resources Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford led the charge to establish the Chatham County Moratorium on Fracking and pushed for a more just coal ash agreement with Duke Energy and worked with the Board of Commissioners and staff to use those funds to benefit the Moncure community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford helped to establish zoning throughout the entire county in 2016, adopt Plan Chatham in 2017, and approve Chatham Promise in 2018 to allow more options for affordable secondary education to Chatham County residents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford showed strength and leadership in the midst of demanding times such as during Hurricane Matthew and the raising of Jeremiah Drive, the COVID 19 pandemic, and the fall 2020 County cyber incident, guided by his loyalty to the needs of Chatham County and its residents; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its gratitude to Dr. James G. Crawford for his seven years of service as Chatham County Commissioner for District 4 and for his love and dedication to all Chatham County residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, County staff and residents wish Dr. James G. Crawford continued success in all his endeavors and express their hope for his and his family’s continued health, happiness, and prosperity.

Adopted, this the 21 day of February 2022.

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray

Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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