COUNTY OF CHATHAM



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ORGANIZED 1770

707 SQUARE MILES

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 28, 1996

as

HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IN CHATHAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, Hunting and fishing have always been an important part of the American tradition. While these activities may no longer be necessary for survival--as they were in the early days of the nation--they are still relevant today; and

WHEREAS, Sportsmen and sportswomen recognize the critical role of habitat--quantity and quality of air, land, water, adequate cover or shelter, appropriate space, and sufficient arrangement--for the existence of all living things. For over 100 years, they have been in the forefront of the conservation movement. Not content with merely vocalizing their support, hunters and anglers requested special fees and taxes on their equipment to pay for scientific research, habitat acquisition and improvement, education, and enforcement. Over the years, funds raised total over \$19 billion for conservation; and

WHEREAS, Programs financed by the hunters and anglers have led to the dramatic comeback of many wildlife species. These included game species such as the wild turkey, tundra swan, snow geese, ducks, and white-tailed deer. However, these efforts also helped the comeback of certain non-game species as well, including the bald eagle, other raptors, songbirds, shore birds, alligators, fur bearers, and others; and

WHEREAS, As individuals and through their organizations, hunters and anglers volunteer countless hours of their own time for local conservation projects and to raise even more funds for conservation; and

WHEREAS, We would like to take this opportunity to commend responsible hunters and anglers for their efforts on behalf of wildlife and for their contributions to conservation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we the Commissioners of Chatham County do proclaim Saturday, September 28, 1996 as Hunting and Fishing Day in Chatham County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We call upon our citizens to join with hunters, anglers, and other responsible conservationists to ensure the wise use and proper management of our natural resources to benefit future generations.

This is the 3rd day of September, 1996.

Uva Holland, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra B Lee Clerk