Resolution in Support of Expanded School Based Adolescent Health Services in Chatham County

WHEREAS, children and teenagers today face more dangerous health risks than have recent generations, and

WHEREAS, the dangers are greatest for those disadvantaged by poverty, and

WHEREAS, our present health care system is ill-suited to deliver the multidisciplinary, preventive and often time intensive care required address today's adolescent health problems, and

WHEREAS, in Chatham County, lack of transportation can render health care particularly inaccessible, and

WHEREAS, young people need a comprehensive approach to health care - one which views them as whole people with multiple, interrelated problems, and

WHEREAS, when students carry the burden of physical and mental problems into school, they cannot learn well, and

WHEREAS, schools provide a central place where health care can be delivered effectively by those most qualified to do it.

WHEREAS, placing health services in schools assures students access to immediate care and guarantees that services fit students' needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham, North Carolina support the grant proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for the expansion of the School Based Adolescent Health to Chatham Middle School.

Adopted this, the 21st day of November, 1994.

Henry H. Dunlap, Jr., Chairman Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sandra Lee, Clerk to the Board

Chatham County