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## Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners Honoring Commissioner Diana Hales for Her Service to Chatham County

WHEREAS, Diana Hales 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 3; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hales was elected as Vice Chair of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners in 2015, 2016, 2018. 2019, and 2020; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hales was elected as Chair of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hales was instrumental in the opening of six county buildings during her 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, Commissioner Hales 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, Commissioner Hales 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 her loyalty to the needs of Chatham County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hales was instrumental in designating Article 46 sales tax revenue to help fund teacher supplements, farmland and open space preservation, parks, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hales fought tirelessly for environmental protections for current and future Chatham County residents; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hales was a steadfast supporter of the development of both Chatham County mega sites and bringing jobs to Chatham County; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to Diana Hales for her eight years of service as Chatham County Commissioner for District 3 and for giving so selflessly of her time and talents to make Chatham County a better place to live, work, and play; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, County staff and residents wish Diana Hales and her family continued health, happiness, and prosperity and will be forever grateful for her strong leadership and dedication to the Chatham County community.

Adopted, this the 21st day of November 2022.

Karen Howard, Chair

Chatham County Board of County Board

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ATTEST:

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