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**Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

**Proclaiming May 2023 as Older Americans Month in Chatham County**

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County joins the nation and State of North Carolina in observing Older Americans Month in May and echoes the month’s 2023 national theme – “Aging Unbound” – which offers an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes by adopting flexible thinking about aging; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County continues to be a place that seniors choose to call home, with Chatham having the 10<sup>th</sup> highest percentage of population in the state over the age of 65 in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County recognizes the need to create a community that offers the services and supports older adults may need to make choices about how they age; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County can work to build an even better community for our older residents by not limiting our thinking about aging, exploring and combating stereotypes, emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging, inspiring older adults to push past traditional boundaries, and embracing our community’s diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chatham County Council on Aging, for over 48 years, has strived to preserve the independence of our older adults through a variety of services, educational and social opportunities, designed to promote quality of life and allow persons to remain in their homes for as long as possible.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners that May 2023 is proclaimed “Older Americans Month” and calls upon the people of Chatham County to observe the month by celebrating our older residents, help to create an inclusive society, and accept the challenge of flexible thinking around aging.

Adopted, this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

Karen Howard, Chair  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCMCC, Clerk to the Board  
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