



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 4-H youth across the nation are leading efforts to solve problems in their communities and make a difference for their futures; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina and the largest in the nation with over six million participants; and

WHEREAS, 4-H in North Carolina claims 260,000 youth members and 13,000 volunteers, while Chatham County's 4-H program serves more than 2,400 youth annually; and

WHEREAS, 4-H as part of the NC Cooperative Extension System of NC State University and NC A&T State University is a program where youth learn through opportunities that provide them hands-on experiences in 4-H's mission mandates of science, engineering and technology; healthy living; and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has connected youth and their communities with the innovative research and resources from our nation's 112 land-grant universities and colleges for more than 120 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 1-7, 2023, as National 4-H Week in Chatham County. We urge the people of this County to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of this special program that enhances our young people's interests in their futures as part of Chatham County 4-H Youth Development and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our County and our Land-Grant University System.

Adopted this the 18th day of September 2023.

Karen A. Howard

Karen Howard, Chair

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

