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

**RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2014 AS  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, communities across the United States will host various activities and events in February 2014 in celebration of African-American History Month;

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 celebration will emphasize the history of the civil rights movement in the United States and the various organizations and individuals who have made a difference in promoting civil rights for people of all colors and ethnic origins; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County residents, living and gone, played a key role in civil rights events, including the march to the Lincoln Memorial on August 27, 1963 and many local efforts to improve civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County's has a rich African-American heritage, including business owners, elected officials, judges, farmers, pastors, community leaders, educators and even a published slave poet, George Moses Horton, who became the poet laureate of Chatham County; and

**WHEREAS**, African-Americans continue to be a vital part of Chatham County, with the 2012 United States Census estimating that 13.5 percent of the county population is African American.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners recognizes February 2014 as African American History Month and encourages its residents and educators to participate in activities that celebrate the contributions of African Americans to our nation, state and county.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of January, 2014 by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.

  
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Walter Petty, Chairman  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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