Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Proclaiming April 2019 as Volunteer Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, since 1974, through a Presidential Proclamation, the third week in April has been celebrated as a time to thank volunteers across the country for their many contributions and April 20th this year is National Volunteer Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County wishes to join this celebration but extend this time into a month-long period of special recognition for the many persons of all ages who contribute their time and talents to making a positive difference in our communities; and

WHEREAS, there are many examples of services whose viability and effectiveness depend largely on volunteers, including Meals on Wheels, child and adult literacy, and Chatham’s food pantries; and

WHEREAS, there are so many more needs and opportunities within Chatham County around which individuals, families, faith communities, businesses, civic groups, schools, and others could embrace; and

WHEREAS, Chatham Connecting [https://www.chathamconnecting.org/] and Chatham 2-1-1 [https://www.nc211.org/] offer readily accessible ways to learn about volunteer needs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the counsel of the late Martin Luther King, Jr. who reminded us that “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chatham County Board of County Commissioners that we proclaim April 2019 as Chatham’s first Volunteer Appreciation Month and urge every Chatham resident to use this month to not only honor their fellow citizens who volunteer but also themselves seek ways to help within the community.

Adopted, this the 18th day of March, 2019.

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Mike Dasher, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Lindsay K. Ray, NCCC, Clerk to the Board
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