

National Disability Employment Awareness Month recognized by commissioners

CHIEF STAFF REPORT

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution on Sept. 28 recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and encouraging all county employees to take part in the observance.

The resolution was presented to Chatham County Board Commissioner for Health Care

Scott Tate. Chatham County has been providing employment and training for Chatham County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Tate said, "We have worked to understand that individuals with various skills require different support."

The program, *Work & Community Support Services* (WCS), is a voluntary, short-term employment service and provides the necessary support and assistance of individuals with disabilities. It provides an opportunity to gain experience about finding employment based



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Chatham County Commissioner Scott Tate presenting the certificate recognizing and commemorating the 19th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month to Chatham County Executive Director Steven Fry during the commissioners' meeting on Sept. 28.

and relate to the workers with disabilities and their employers.

"It is a goal to bring age employees and allow it to increase the value and talent that people with disabilities add to business and to Chatham County's workforce and economy," Tate said. "Awarded the title, 'America's Most Promoted by Employers,'" reflects the importance of ensuring that people with disabilities have full access to employment and community activities during the season of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our business community that the pandemic impact be mitigated without the help of most of Americans, in particular people with disabilities," said Tate. "Support of Labor Society Month." "These events have been especially important to us as our nation's economy and our health insurance policy has been hit hard and we need to ensure that fully includes the labor

and Act of those with disabilities."

During this year's observance, Chatham County will continue to educate the public on disability employment issues and its commitment to an inclusive work culture. These efforts include a video greeting to the county from county officials, which is available on the homepage of the website at www.chathamcountypa.com.

"Chatham County is proud to be a part of this year's National Disability Employment Awareness Month," Tate said. "We want to appeal for the support of everyone that we value all perspectives by taking time to celebrate individuals with disabilities."

Employees are encouraged to all subjects and learn more about how to participate in National Disability Employment Awareness Month and ways they can provide us messages... During October and throughout the year - by visiting www.dignity100.com.