

# FORSYTH COUNTY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: MARCH 14, 2016 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2016 AS "MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH" IN HONOR OF THE MEALS-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM OF SENIOR SERVICES, INC.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: See Attached

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE: *J. Dudley Watts, Jr. / cdh* DATE: March 9, 2016  
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2016 AS  
“MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH”  
IN HONOR OF THE MEALS-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM OF  
SENIOR SERVICES, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home-delivered, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 observance of March for Meals provides an opportunity to support Meals-on-Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation, including the Meals-on-Wheels Program of Senior Services, Inc., which has served the Forsyth County community admirably for more than fifty-three years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Meals-on-Wheels Program of Senior Services, Inc. provides nutritious meals to seniors throughout Forsyth County, helps them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and premature institutionalization, and acts as a powerful socialization opportunity for thousands of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Meals-on-Wheels Program of Senior Services, Inc. with the help of its volunteers, who are the backbone of the Program, deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to local communities, the State and our Nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes March 2016 as “March for Meals Month” and thanks Senior Services, Inc. and its volunteers for operating the Meals-on-Wheels Program in this community for the seniors who need it.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners urges every citizen to take time this month to honor the efforts of Senior Services, its volunteers, and the seniors it serves.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2016.