Beargia Broclamation

WHEREAS, the Savannah High School Band has been recommended by a team of advisors, musical educators, and chief consultant, Jerry Hoover, director of bands at Southwest Missouri State University, to attend the Youth Music of the World London Parade as an ensemble to represent the United States in the 1997 London Day Parade and to perform at Wimbley Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the Savannah Blue Light Jazz Band was formed in August 1992 under the direction of Michael Hutchinson and artist in residence, Dr. John Bradley; and

WHEREAS, the jazz band performed during Governor Miller's Education Conference in Atlanta; at the Orlando Music Festival; during the 1996 Olympic Trials Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and for the 1996 United Way Opening Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, the Savannah Blue Light Jazz Band has performed with many of our local great artists, such as: Ben Tucker, "911," Teddy Adams, Randy Reese, Tracy Yarbough, and the late Sam Gill; and

WHEREAS, it is indeed an honor to have been selected as one of sixteen from the United States and one of two from the State of Georgia to participate in the 1997 activities. CNN will televise the parade on January 1st at 11:00 a.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph E. Mahany, Chairman, on behalf of the Chatham County Commission recognize and honor the members of the Savannah High School's Blue Light Jazz Band and do hereby proclaim Friday, November 1, 1996, as:

"SAVANNAH BLUE LIGHT JAZZ BAND DAY"

in Chatham County and urge all citizens of this County to join us in extending our congratulations to the band members and school staff for this outstanding achievement. The world will be watching as they bring reverence and homage to Savannah/Chatham County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Chatham County,

Georgia, to be affixed on this, the 1st day of November, 1996-

ATTEST:

Sybil E. Tillman, Clerk of Commission

Joseph E. Mahany, Chairman