## DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Proclamation

## WORLD WATER DAY | 2022

- WHEREAS, the United Nations (UN) has declared March 22nd as World Water Day and has invited governments around the world to devote the day to promoting and increasing public awareness of the importance of freshwater and the sustainable management of groundwater resources; and
- WHEREAS, World Water Day 2022 is a time to reflect on the various ways that different people value groundwater around the globe and in North Carolina as it relates to their health, dignity, hygiene and productivity at home, at work, and in recreation; and
- WHEREAS, currently, water around the world is under extreme threat for various sources including increasing population, increasing demands of agriculture and industry, and the ever-worsening impacts of climate change; and
- WHEREAS, Durham County residents are working daily to protect water quality by practicing and supporting innovative wastewater management and reuse programs, sustainable agricultural practices, wetland protection and restoration and more.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Brenda A. Howerton on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of March 2022 as

## "WORLD WATER DAY"

in Durham County. We call on all Durham County residents to celebrate the day, and to always to be good stewards and protectors of our water, indeed our most valuable natural resource.

This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022

Brenda A. Howerton, Chair Durham Board of County Commissioners

