

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH | 2021

WHEREAS, October 2021 marks the 76th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, National Disability Employment Awareness Month was first declared in October 1988 by Congress to increase awareness of the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion" which notes that people with disabilities must be fully included in our recovery from the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this observance is also to educate citizens about disability employment issues, work to eliminate barriers to employment and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, workplaces such as Durham County that welcome the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brenda Howerton, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

“NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH”

in Durham County. We urge all residents to encourage and celebrate workers with disabilities who seek full employment and self-sufficiency each day despite significant challenges.

This the 25th day of October 2021.

Brenda Howerton, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

