

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

**DURHAM TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATING
THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. | 2020**

WHEREAS, in 1985 a few staff and faculty of Durham Technical Community College came together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. exactly one year before it became a national holiday and at that time no one knew the importance of that small event and how so many years later it would be a tool to measure how far we as a college have walked towards the dream that Dr. King shared in his 1963 “I Have a Dream” speech; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 Durham Tech’s president Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr., declared that the Friday prior to the National Holiday be Durham Tech’s official day of celebration in honor of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and commemorate his dedication to equality and justice through non-violent resistance, in 2017 Durham Tech established the I Have a Dream Award; a need-based scholarship offered annually to one degree seeking and one non-degree student from funds provided through private donors; and

WHEREAS, for the past 35 years members of Durham Tech staff and faculty have conducted an annual program that has included many prominent North Carolina citizens who share their memories, talents, knowledge, and experiences that uplifted, encouraged, empowered, and motivated the campus community to continue Dr. King’s mission; and

WHEREAS, Durham Tech continues to promote the values set by Dr. King through this annual event to provide a direction for the future, by creating and opening doors of equal educational opportunities and affording each individual inclusion, respect, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, we thank our former president Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr., and our current president Dr. William “Bill” Ingram for realizing the importance of this event and for the continued support and contributions to make it happen; and most of all, we thank Dr. King for his dream that we continue to cherish.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2020 as

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in Durham County, North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens in recognition of the positive impact on our community.

This the 13th day of January 2020.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

