

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**CLOTHING INSECURITY AWARENESS DAY | 2025**

- WHEREAS,** September 15th is the inaugural National Clothing Insecurity Awareness Day, created by Note in the Pocket to bring national attention to an overlooked issue impacting millions of children in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** one out of nine people in the United States live below the poverty level lack access to adequate, appropriate clothing. While food and housing insecurity are widely recognized, clothing insecurity remains largely invisible — despite being a basic human need; and
- WHEREAS,** without proper clothing, individuals face barriers to education, employment, and even their own sense of dignity; and
- WHEREAS,** in Durham, more than 50% of school aged children need support with their basic needs; and
- WHEREAS,** Note in the Pocket began addressing clothing insecurity in 2005 with a mission is to provide quality clothing to homeless and impoverished children and families with dignity and love; and
- WHEREAS,** Note in the Pocket expanded into Durham County in 2022, officially opening a location in Durham in January 2024; and
- WHEREAS,** Note in the Pocket invites the Durham community to donate gently used clothing and shoes to local organizations, host a clothing drive, support clothing distribution centers through financial donations, and spread the word to help reduce stigma and inspire action.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2025, as

**“CLOTHING INSECURITY AWARENESS DAY”**

in Durham County, North Carolina.

This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2025.

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Nida Allam, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

