

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

2029 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

- WHEREAS,** the 2029 World University Games will be held in North Carolina's University Hub Region in central North Carolina, including in Durham and Durham County July 11-22, 2029, in venues at Duke University, North Carolina Central University, and the Durham Bulls Athletic Park in Downtown Durham; and
- WHEREAS,** the World University Games are considered the "Olympics" for college and university athletes from around the world, and are the second-largest global Olympic multisport event behind only the Summer Olympics; and
- WHEREAS,** the World University Games include 10,000 participants from 150 countries representing 600 universities competing in 275 sports competitions in 18 Olympic sports supported by as many as 600,000 spectators; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a significant public benefit to hosting the Games in Durham County through the utilization of area hotels, restaurants, visitor attractions, and support businesses; as well as from the national and international media coverage by over 1,500 members of the press and the more than 3,000 hours of international broadcast coverage; and
- WHEREAS,** hosting the World University Games, which economic impact studies have shown to deliver between \$150 to \$370 million in economic impacts to the host region, supports Board goals of building economic strength, bringing diverse jobs, talent, businesses, and visitors to Durham County; and
- WHEREAS,** the Durham County Board of Commissioners is excited to participate with the other North Carolina World University Games Host Cities and Counties in a City/County WUG2029 Partnership Plan to demonstrate support of the 2029 World University Games through a commitment of \$300,000 to the North Carolina Organizing Committee for the Games beginning with fiscal year 2026-27 and which can be paid in more than one year; and
- WHEREAS,** the Durham County Board of Commissioners would be pleased to provide other appropriate support to the 2029 World University Games, such as security and safety services, as needed.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the Durham County Board of Commissioners enthusiastically supports the 2029 World University Games

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and look forward to hosting the athletes, coaches, media, officials, sport executives, and fans to our community as part of this once-in-a-lifetime event.

This the 10th day of June 2024.

Nida Allam, Chair

Nimasheena Burns, Vice-Chair

Heidi Carter, Commissioner

Brenda Howerton, Commissioner

Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

