

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**DURHAM REFUGEE DAY | 2025**

- WHEREAS,** Durham Refugee Day was launched in 2017 in Durham to honor the courage, strength, and resilience of millions of refugees in Durham and around the world who have been forced to flee their homes due to war, persecution, human rights violation, natural disasters, and violence; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 122.6 million people are forcibly displaced worldwide by the end of June 2024 according to the UNHCR, the United States and Durham have a proud humanitarian tradition of welcoming refugees and immigrants of all nationalities and religions; and this is what makes the United States and Durham exceptional; and
- WHEREAS,** refugees and immigrants have provided the United States and Durham County with unique social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our county and nation; and
- WHEREAS,** refugees and immigrants continue to grow businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy and create American jobs in Durham County; and
- WHEREAS,** we affirm our commitment to welcome and supporting refugees, offering them safety, opportunity, and a sense of belonging as they rebuilt their lives in peace and dignity; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham Refugee Day is an opportunity for all of us to stand in solidarity with the displaced people, raise awareness of their plight, and renew our shared commitment to justice, compassion, and humanity.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2025, as

**“DURHAM REFUGEE DAY”**

in Durham County, North Carolina.

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

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Nida Allam, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

