

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

HONORING THE LIFE, SERVICE, AND SACRIFICE OF RICHARD “RICKY” CHRISTOPHER DORSEY

- WHEREAS,** Richard “Ricky” Christopher Dorsey dedicated himself to serving the Bahama community through the Bahama Volunteer Fire Department beginning at the age of eighteen; and
- WHEREAS,** Ricky Dorsey embodied the highest ideals of public service through his courage, devotion, selflessness, and unwavering commitment to protecting others; and
- WHEREAS,** on September 5, 1996, Hurricane Fran made landfall in North Carolina, bringing devastating weather conditions across Durham County and the Bahama community, prompting emergency responders to answer calls for assistance throughout the storm; and
- WHEREAS,** during the height of Hurricane Fran, Ricky Dorsey responded to emergency calls alongside fellow firefighters and emergency personnel in service to the residents of Durham County; and
- WHEREAS,** while en route to an emergency call during the storm, a red oak tree fell onto the cab of the fire truck in which Ricky was riding, tragically taking his life just ten days before his twentieth birthday; and
- WHEREAS,** Ricky Dorsey made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty while protecting the people and community he loved and is remembered by his family, fellow firefighters, friends, and the countless community members impacted by his life and service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Durham Board of County Commissioners hereby honors the life, service, bravery, and sacrifice of Richard “Ricky” Christopher Dorsey and recognizes his enduring legacy as a dedicated firefighter who gave his life in service to the people of Durham County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Dorsey family and preserved as a lasting tribute to Ricky Dorsey’s courage, dedication, and sacrifice.

This the 8th day of June 2026.

Dr. Mike Lee, Chair

Nida Allam, Vice Chair

Michelle Burton, Commissioner

Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

Stephen Valentine, Commissioner

