

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Resolution*

**MEMORIAL DAY 2026**

- WHEREAS,** Memorial Day each year serves as a solemn reminder of the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow; and
- WHEREAS,** on Memorial Day, America undertakes its solemn duty to remember the courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation and the cause of freedom around the world; and
- WHEREAS,** on May 5, 1868, Major General John A. Logan established Decoration Day as a time to decorate the graves of war dead with flowers; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1971, the US Congress declared Memorial Day a federal holiday and decreed that it be observed on the last Monday of each May; and
- WHEREAS,** as we honor those who have died in our Nation’s service so that war might end, we understand and appreciate the values of patriotism, citizenship, commitment, honor and duty; and
- WHEREAS,** we must pledge to never forget the names of the 376 known soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen and airwomen of Durham County who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defending our freedoms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Durham Board of County Commissioners hereby resolve May 25, 2026, as Memorial Day in Durham County. We urge all citizens to observe Memorial Day 2026 by displaying respect and gratitude for our veterans, both living and deceased, participating in remembrance ceremonies, and observing a moment of silence at 3 p.m. during the National Moment of Remembrance.

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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Dr. Mike Lee, Chair

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Nida Allam, Vice Chair

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Michelle Burton, Commissioner

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Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

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Stephen Valentine, Commissioner

