

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY | 2026

WHEREAS, Durham County, North Carolina is an aging community with an estimated 48,164 seniors aged 65+ in the county in 2026; and

WHEREAS, Baby Boomers (1946- 1964) and the start of Generation X (1965- 1980) will reach retirement age in the next ten (10) years. The North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management estimates that the Durham County community will have more residents over the age of 65 than children under eighteen (18) within the next decade; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse is under-reported, overlooked and often ignored; and each resident has a legal responsibility to report any suspicion of abuse, neglect or exploitation without fear of reprisal to Durham County Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, Increase the capacity of the community to recognize and report abuse, neglect and exploitation and promote the health, safety and well-being of older adults as well as their care partner; and

WHEREAS, we will continue to collaborate with community partners to address elder abuse and offer viable solutions to older adults impacted by abuse with the necessary resources to end the abuse; and

WHEREAS, Durham County, North Carolina joins the world in recognizing June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day by taking a stand and making it known that is unacceptable for any older adult to live in fear of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Dr. Mike Lee, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2026, as

“WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY”

in Durham County.

This 22nd day of June 2026.

Dr. Mike Lee, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

