

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY | 2025**

- WHEREAS,** Durham County, North Carolina is an aging community with 22% of Durham County population is the Baby Boomer generation; and
- WHEREAS,** Baby Boomers and the start of Generation X will reach retirement age in the next ten 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 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 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 it is unacceptable for any older adult to live in fear of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2025, as

**“WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS 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

