

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**WORLD ALZHEIMER’S AWARENESS DAY | 2024**

- WHEREAS,** September 21<sup>st</sup> is World Alzheimer’s Awareness Day; and
- WHEREAS,** this year’s theme is “Time to Act on Dementia, Time to Act on Alzheimer’s” and challenges the perception many people, including healthcare professionals, still hold that dementia is a normal part of aging, and
- WHEREAS,** Dementia is a syndrome in which there is deterioration in memory, thinking, behavior, and the ability to perform everyday activities. Alzheimer’s is the most common cause of dementia; and
- WHEREAS,** Dementia is the 7th leading cause of death worldwide, and 6th leading cause for North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** evidence suggests that when people with dementia and their families are well prepared and supported, shock, anger and grief are balanced by reassurance and empowerment; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County supports the vision of a dementia-inclusive community where all persons with dementia are valued and fully supported in their pursuit of quality of life and well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County invites you to join in partnerships, collaborations, and advocacy efforts to promote well-being, inclusion, and health equity for persons with dementia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2024 as

**“WORLD ALZHEIMER’S AWARENESS DAY”**

in Durham County, North Carolina. We commend this observance and urge everyone to join with Dementia Inclusive, Inc. to support persons with dementia and their caregivers, on September 21st and throughout the year.

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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Nida Allam, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

