

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

WELCOMING WEEK | 2025

- WHEREAS,** the United States has long been a destination for individuals and families from around the world seeking freedom, safety, and opportunity, and the strength of our nation is rooted in its ability to integrate New Americans who contribute to our shared prosperity and civic life; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. Census data reflects that 15.2% of Durham County’s population is foreign-born, compared to 13.8% nationally, underscoring the important role that New Americans play in shaping our community’s social, cultural, and economic fabric; and
- WHEREAS,** Welcoming Week is a national initiative that highlights the efforts of local communities working to foster greater understanding, connection, and civic engagement among all residents—both native-born and foreign-born; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County is committed to being a community where all residents feel a sense of belonging and are encouraged to participate fully in public life, while also supporting policies that ensure a secure, fair immigration system that serves the national interest; and
- WHEREAS,** by helping New Americans become self-reliant, civically engaged, and committed to our laws, Durham County seeks to strengthen trust, promote shared values, and build a more cohesive, resilient community for current and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 13 - 22, 2025, as

“WELCOMING WEEK”

in Durham County and encourage all residents to take part in activities that promote mutual respect, civic participation, and the shared goal of making Durham a place where every New American has the opportunity to thrive and contribute.

This 8th day of September 2025.

Nida Allam, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

