

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

PRIDE MONTH | 2025

- WHEREAS,** the Stonewall Riots, a period of protests and violent clashes with law enforcement in June 1969, is commonly viewed as the origin of the modern gay rights movement in this country; and
- WHEREAS,** the LGBTQIA+ movement in Durham is rooted in an April 17, 1981 protest in response to the hate motivated assault of four men at the Little River on April 12, 1981 and resulting death of Ronald, “Sonny” Antonvevitch: Durham’s first NC Pride March in 1986 was organized by the Triangle Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) and Mayor Wib Gulley’s proclamation of Durham’s first anti-discrimination week in 1986 resulted in him being challenged by an unsuccessful recall campaign, and
- WHEREAS,** celebrating Pride Month raises awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQIA+ community, and is an opportunity to become educated, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances, and build understanding; and
- WHEREAS,** LGBTQIA+ people in the United States continue to face discrimination simply for being who they are, and the County of Durham stands with this community in the struggle to ensure equal treatment for all; and
- WHEREAS,** while much progress has been advanced, we know that there is still work to be done to ensure that everyone enjoys the full promise of dignity, protection, safety, equity, and freedom; and
- WHEREAS,** hundreds of anti-LGBTQIA+ bills have been introduced in state legislatures all across the United States since the start of the year, and progressive officials and citizens must speak up to protect LGBTQIA+ rights; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County Government continuously advocates for protections for all LGBTQIA+ individuals in order to make it clear that there is no place in this progressive community, state or nation for denial of human rights regardless of anyone’s sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County’s Non-Discrimination Ordinance, approved in 2022 by the Board of County Commissioners, provides freedom from discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, creed, color, sex, pregnancy, marital or familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin or ancestry, marital or familial status, pregnancy, military status, religious belief or non-belief, age, or disability in employment and access to all places of public accommodation.

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

“PRIDE MONTH”

in Durham County. We call upon Durham County residents to recognize the achievements of the members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and to celebrate and support a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance during this month and every month.

This the 9th day of June 2025

Nida Allam, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

