

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

HONORING THE SERVICE OF GOVERNOR ROY COOPER

- WHEREAS,** Roy Asberry Cooper III has served with distinction as the Governor of North Carolina since January 1, 2017, dedicating his life's work to improving the well-being of all North Carolinians, and in particular, enhancing the quality of life for residents of Durham County; and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Cooper's leadership throughout the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, guided by a commitment to science and the safety of North Carolinians, was instrumental in protecting the health and welfare of Durham County residents, providing access to critical healthcare resources and support during this difficult period; and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Cooper has been a steadfast advocate for Medicaid expansion, a policy which stands to increase access to affordable healthcare for thousands of uninsured residents in Durham County, improving health outcomes and addressing longstanding inequities in healthcare coverage; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County has greatly benefitted from Governor Cooper's focus on economic development and job creation, with major investments in the technology, life sciences, and clean energy sectors, which have fostered significant growth and prosperity in the region, creating high-quality jobs and boosting the local economy; and
- WHEREAS,** under Governor Cooper's administration, North Carolina has seen increased investments in public education, including higher teacher pay and expanded access to early childhood education, significantly benefiting Durham County public schools and supporting the success of students and educators across the county; and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Cooper has championed affordable housing initiatives, including crucial investments in the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund, which have contributed to the development of affordable housing in Durham County, helping to alleviate housing challenges faced by many local families; and
- WHEREAS,** the Governor's leadership in advancing racial and social justice has led to meaningful progress on criminal justice reform, police accountability, and measures to reduce mass incarceration, with Durham County benefitting from his commitment to equity and justice for all its residents; and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Cooper has been a tireless advocate for environmental protection and sustainability, advancing policies that promote clean energy and environmental justice, ensuring that Durham County residents enjoy a healthier, more sustainable environment for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Cooper's enduring commitment to Durham County has fostered a spirit of collaboration, civic engagement, and optimism, ensuring that our community continues to thrive and prosper under his leadership.

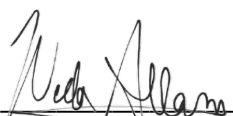
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Durham County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor

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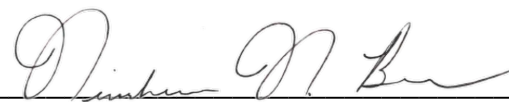
for his outstanding service, exemplary leadership, and unwavering commitment to the people of Durham County, whose lives he has touched and whose future he has helped shape for the better; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Durham County Board of Commissioners extends its deepest appreciation to Governor Cooper for his many contributions to the betterment of Durham County and the State of North Carolina and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors.

This the 20th day of September 2024.




Nida Allam, Chair



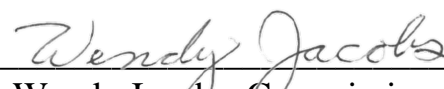
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Heidi Carter, Commissioner



Brenda Howerton, Commissioner



Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

