

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

DURHAM COUNTY SECOND CHANCE MONTH | 2026

WHEREAS, Durham County Government and its Board of County Commissioners have been supporting reentry and rehabilitation efforts in Durham County for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Durham County joined with the Department of Adult Correction to create the Durham Local Reentry Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 the average daily population of the Durham County Detention Center was 426; and the Department of Adult Correction released 464 individuals to Durham County; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina continues its commitment to the national initiative Reentry 2030, a movement committed to systemic changes through four overarching goals. These goals are to improve economic mobility, mental and physical health for justice involved individuals, expand housing opportunities, and remove barriers to successful community reintegration; and

WHEREAS, effective reentry programs offer the chance for a better life for those who return from our nation’s correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, Durham County recognizes that April is **Second Chance Month**, a time dedicated to recognizing the collateral consequences of a criminal record and advancing efforts that promote fairness and access to opportunities for people who have been directly impacted by the criminal legal system; and

WHEREAS, Durham County Board of County Commissioners understands the investments we make today through resources we dedicate, and the enthusiasm we generate will greatly benefit the returning citizens and the overall public safety in Durham County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Mike Lee Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

“SECOND CHANCE MONTH”

in Durham County and urge all citizens to join in recognizing how important it is to help justice involved individuals to become responsible, engaged, and contributing community members.

This 23rd day of March 2026.

Dr. Mike Lee, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

