

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

DURHAM REENTRY WEEK | 2018

WHEREAS, more than 700 Durham County residents return to our community from state and federal prisons and nearly 8,000 cycle through our local detention facility annually; and

WHEREAS, Durham County Government and its Board of County Commissioners have been supporting reentry and rehabilitation efforts in Durham County for more than 27 years; and

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

WHEREAS, it is up to all of us, working together, to emphasize the importance of these programs and policies that make such a positive and lasting difference, not only to the individuals served, but to the communities in which they return; and

WHEREAS, over the last nine years, the Department of Justice has partnered with state, local and tribal agencies as well as national organizations to support hundreds of reentry programs across the country, yet the demand for effective reentry programs continues to remain high; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to highlight the important work of these services, the Governor has designated April 23- 27, 2018 as "Reentry Week" and has called upon communities across the state to plan activities; and

WHEREAS, Durham County Board of County Commissioners joins this effort to highlight the value of local reentry programs and calls upon the community to support their work. The investments we make today will greatly benefit returning citizens and overall public safety in Durham County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23-27, 2018 as

"DURHAM REENTRY WEEK"

in Durham County, and urge all citizens to join in recognizing the importance of helping justice involved individuals positively transition into becoming law abiding and productive members of the community.

This the 23rd day of April, 2018.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

