

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**DURHAM REENTRY WEEK | 2019**

**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 28 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 22-26, 2019 as "Reentry Week" and has called upon communities across the state to plan activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the 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 through resources we dedicate, and the enthusiasm we generate, will greatly benefit the 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 22-26, 2018 as

**"DURHAM REENTRY WEEK"**

in Durham County, and urge all citizens to join in recognizing how important it is to help justice involved individuals positively transition into becoming law abiding and productive members of society.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

