

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH | 2024

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month, known as “Mes de Herencia Hispana,” has been celebrated from September 15 to October 15 since 1988; and

WHEREAS, the annual celebration recognizes the diverse histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, generations of Hispanic and Latinx Americans have supported and improved our county and community by serving and working in vital professions such as education, the medical field, the military, our government, and more; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to more than 1 million residents of Hispanic or Latinx descent and more than 65 million Latinx individuals contribute to communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, our communities are made stronger when we recognize our diversity and work to honor, understand and appreciate the history, achievements, art, music, cuisine, customs, unique traditions and cultures of our friends, family and neighbors who represent the Hispanic and Latinx communities; and

WHEREAS, we simultaneously celebrate the Hispanic and Latinx community as a whole this month, we also recognize and honor the incredible diversity of the Hispanic/Latinx population while we recognize the role members of these communities in shaping and enriching our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2024, as

“NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH”

in Durham County and urge all residents to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by honoring generations of Hispanic and Latinx residents who have made our nation strong and prosperous with their essential contributions to Durham County, North Carolina, and beyond.

This the 9th day of September 2024.

Nida Allam, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

