

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**DURHAM REFUGEE DAY | 2026**

**WHEREAS,** Durham Refugee Day was launched in 2017 to celebrate the courage, strength, and determination of refugees and immigrants living in Durham; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 117 million people were forcibly displaced worldwide by the end of June 2025, including 42 million refugees who fled persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations, or events seriously disturbing public order; and

**WHEREAS,** the Great State of North Carolina and Durham County have a proud humanitarian tradition since the late 1970's of welcoming refugees and immigrants of all nationalities and religions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Durham County community knows that inclusion, respect and understanding of all those that work, play, worship, and live here promotes a community that we can be proud of.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Dr. Mike Lee, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2026, as

**“DURHAM REFUGEE DAY”**

in Durham County and hereby urge all residents to take note of this observance.

This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2026.

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Dr. Mike Lee, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

