

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Resolution*

**WOMEN VETERANS DAY 2026**

- WHEREAS,** women in North Carolina have been involved in military-related activities since the Revolutionary War; since June 12, 1948, women have been officially allowed to serve in the U.S. Military and now serve as regular and permanent members of the armed forces in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Space Force; and
- WHEREAS,** women began serving with the Army Nurse Corps in 1901 and the Navy Nurse Corps in 1908; during World War I, women left their domestic duties to serve in Europe from 1917-1918; and
- WHEREAS,** during World War II, the role of women in the military expanded to include women serving in additional jobs including stenographers, clerks, cooks, telephone operators, mechanics, draftsmen, interpreters, and weather observers; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 50 members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPS), the first women to fly American military aircraft, trained in North Carolina, transporting every type of military aircraft and cargo; they logged over 60 million miles in the air and lost 38 members during the way; and
- WHEREAS,** women during the Vietnam War served on the front lines as doctors and nurses, and a total of eight female members of the military and 59 civilian women lost their lives during the conflict; and
- WHEREAS,** during the Gulf War, women served in multiple positions that has previously been reserved for men, flying helicopters, driving, manning missile placements and leading convoys; and
- WHEREAS,** for many years, women in our military were largely invisible and underappreciated; we owe deep gratitude to our current and past servicewomen who have selflessly served to protect our nation and our way of life.

**NOW THEREFORE,** we, the Durham County Board of Commissioners, resolve that June 12, 2026, is

**“WOMEN VETERANS DAY”**

in Durham County and commend its observance to all citizens.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

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Nida Allam, Chair

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Dr. Mike Lee, Vice-Chair

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Michelle Burton, Commissioner

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Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

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Stephen Valentine, Commissioner

