

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

FAMILY RE-UNIFICATION MONTH | 2026

WHEREAS, the family is the primary source of love, identity, belonging, and support for children and provides the foundation of healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, children are best served when they can safely remain connected to their families, communities, culture, and support systems; and

WHEREAS, family reunification recognizes the importance of preserving and strengthening family bonds whenever it is safe and possible to do so, and acknowledges that families can overcome challenges with appropriate support, advocacy, and resources; and

WHEREAS, parents, relatives, foster caregivers, attorneys, social workers, service providers, judges, advocates, and community organizations throughout Durham County work every day to support children and families involved in the child welfare system and to help families reunify safely and successfully; and

WHEREAS, Family Reunification Month is a time to celebrate the resilience of families, honor the dedication of those who support them, and recognize that children, families, and communities are stronger when families are kept together whenever safely possible; and

WHEREAS, Durham County is committed to promoting policies and practices that strengthen families, reduce unnecessary family separation, and ensure that all children have the opportunity to grow up in safe, stable, and loving homes;

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

“FAMILY RE-UNIFICATION MONTH”

in Durham County, North Carolina, and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of supporting families, strengthening communities, and celebrating the successful reunification of children and families.

This 8th day of June 2026.

Dr. Mike Lee, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

