

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Resolution*

**JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH| 2024**

- WHEREAS,** Jewish American Heritage Month is a time to honor the significant religious, cultural, political and economic contributions Jewish Americans have made to our state, nation and Durham County; and
- WHEREAS,** since 2006, May has nationally been considered Jewish American Heritage Month and all citizens are invited to celebrate the vibrant and varied American Jewish experience; and
- WHEREAS,** Jewish Americans represent communities across the globe in their diverse racial and linguistic make up; and
- WHEREAS,** Jewish communities have existed in North Carolina since the 1600’s; and
- WHEREAS,** Jewish North Carolinians have been participants and leaders on the front lines of fights for women’s suffrage, racial and gender justice, and social movements supporting diverse North Carolinians; and
- WHEREAS,** the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust teaches us that combatting prejudice, indifference, and systemic bias can create a stronger, more tolerant society, and North Carolina’s Jewish community continue to work with members of all faiths and backgrounds so that “never again shall any peoples suffer the evils of discrimination and racial or religious hatred”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Chair Nida Allam and on behalf of the Durham County Board of Commissioners do hereby doth hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as

**“JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH”**

in Durham County, North Carolina, and call upon all citizens to observe and celebrate the successes of Jewish Americans and to mark this month with appropriate observances honoring endless possibilities of Jewish Americans everywhere.

This the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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Nida Allam, Chair

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Nimasheena Burns, Vice-Chair

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Heidi Carter, Commissioner

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Brenda Howerton, Commissioner

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Wendy Jacobs, Commissioner

