

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

MEMORIAL DAY | 2023

- WHEREAS,** Memorial Day each year serves as a solemn reminder of the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow; and
- WHEREAS,** on Memorial Day, America undertakes its solemn duty to remember the courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation and the cause of freedom around the world; and
- WHEREAS,** on May 5, 1868, Major General John A. Logan established Decoration Day as a time to decorate the graves of war dead with flowers; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1971, the US Congress declared Memorial Day a federal holiday and decreed that it be observed on the last Monday of each May; and
- WHEREAS,** as we honor those who have died in our Nation's service so that war might end, we understand and appreciate the values of patriotism, citizenship, commitment, honor and duty; and
- WHEREAS,** we must pledge to never forget the names of the 375 known soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen of Durham County who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defending our freedoms.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brenda A. Howerton on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 29, 2023 as

“MEMORIAL DAY”

in Durham County. We urge all citizens to observe Memorial Day 2023 by displaying respect and gratitude for our veterans, both living and deceased, participating in remembrance ceremonies, and observing a moment of silence at 3 p.m. during the National Moment of Remembrance.

This the 22nd day of May 2023

Brenda A. Howerton, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

