

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

CROP Hunger Walk| 2018

WHEREAS, at the end of World War II American citizens wanted to share our country's abundance with European war victims; and CROP's first purpose was to gather wheat and other crops from U.S. farms and send to Europe on "Friendships"; and

WHEREAS, today, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk is an important part of community life, bringing together people of different faiths, different socioeconomic levels, diverse cultures, and all age groups to provide local and international hunger aid; and

WHEREAS, in the last 43 years, Durham CROP Hunger Walks have raised over \$4M to help and bring hope to hungry people in need around the world and here in the US; and

WHEREAS, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk has awarded more than \$1M to local agencies including Meals on Wheels, Urban Ministries, Housing for New Hope, Double Bucks for SNAP, Threshold Clubhouse, Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, Families Moving Forward, Open Tables, Partners for Youth Opportunities, St. Andrew's Society, Changing a Generation Outreach and Mt. Calvary UCC Food Pantry who provide food to our Durham neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk raised \$153,900 last year; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Durham CROP Hunger Walk will be dedicated to the memory of friend of the walk Baba Chuck Davis; and

WHEREAS, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk in 2018 will dedicate all of the internationally designated funds over what was raised last year to the Safe Schools Zone program in Kenya in memory Chuck Davis; and

WHEREAS, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk is the oldest fund-raising walk in NC, and will hold its 44th Annual CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, March 25th; and

WHEREAS, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk remains the 2nd largest CROP Walk in the nation, out of more 1000 walks, demonstrating the tremendous compassion and altruism of Durham's citizens; and

WHEREAS, Durham CROP Hunger Walk successfully raises funds to help stop hunger One Step a Time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Sunday, March 25, 2018 as

"DURHAM CROP HUNGER WALK DAY"

in Durham County, North Carolina.

This the 12th day of March, 2018.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

