

# DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## *Proclamation*

### **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH | 2018**

- WHEREAS,** Durham includes a community of over 50,000 older Americans who abundantly contribute to our county, state, and nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the older residents of Durham County represent a remarkable and expanding movement in our nation, our state, and our community's demographic makeup; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham recognizes that older adults are visionaries—who continue to contribute to their family, their community, our county, state, and nation's social and economic well-being as they live longer, healthier, and more prolific lives; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham is attuned to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead which require us to think differently about health and wellbeing, aging in place and long-term care, and will work together to ensure that older adults can age strong, long and with dignity; and
- WHEREAS,** we appreciate the value of inclusion and support in helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities and will work toward creating an Age Friendly Durham; and
- WHEREAS,** our community can provide opportunities to ENGAGE AT EVERY AGE by:
- Nurturing an age-friendly community through the recognition and engagement of older adults;
  - Seeking the mentorship of someone with more life experience;
  - Involving older adults in re-defining aging well in our community;
  - Emphasizing that you are never too old (or too young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental and emotional well-being
  - Providing assistive technologies and support systems that allow older adults to participate in social activities in the community.

**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 the month of **May 2018** as

### **“OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”**

in Durham County. We commend this observance to our residents and urge all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to join with the Department of Social Services, The Durham Center for Senior Life, Dementia Inclusive Durham, and Durham's Partnership for Seniors Committee to honor older adults, and those who care for them, during May and throughout the year. We urge all to promote and participate in activities that contribute to helping older Americans make choices for a healthy and satisfying future.

The 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

