DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

BELLS ACROSS DURHAM DAY | 2018

WHEREAS, Sunday, November 11, 2018, will mark the annual national observance of Veterans Day and also mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, a century ago the armed conflict ended with the Armistice Treaty, signed in France between the United States and its allies on one side and with Germany and its supporting nations on the other side; and

WHEREAS, the treaty was signed at the 11th hour, of the 11th day, in the 11th month of 1918; and

WHEREAS, this special time in history is referred to as Armistice Day is still celebrated in many parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, November 11th is now designated as Veterans Day in the United States and is recognized as a federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, the first monument erected on Durham's Courthouse Square was dedicated on November 11, 1921, to the local soldiers and sailors who sacrificed their lives during World War I; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of Veterans Day and the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, residents of Durham are asked to initiate a new tradition of peace by participating in a project called *Bells Across Durham*; and

WHEREAS, houses of worship, civic and social groups, veterans' organizations, and the entire community are invited to ring bells 11 times simultaneously at 11 a.m. on November 11th.

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 November 11, 2018 as

"BELLS ACROSS DURHAM DAY"

and encourage all to learn more about the Bells Across Durham Project and participate in the simultaneous bell ringing as a symbolic salute to Durham's military veterans, as well as, the ongoing commitment to the resolution of conflict around the world, across our nation, and within our local community

This 22nd day of October 2018.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners