

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM | 2018

WHEREAS, Durham County strives to improve the quality of life across the lifespan through protecting the health of the community, reducing barriers to access services and ensuring a network of integrated health and human services available to people in need; and

WHEREAS, Durham County appreciates all of its community partners who raise awareness regarding the health disparities we continue to face; and

WHEREAS, Durham County applauds North Carolina State Health Director Dr. Elizabeth Cuervo Tilson, the Health Committee of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People and all of the organizers for taking an active stance in recognizing and addressing the important issue of healthcare in our community; and

WHEREAS, Durham community benefited from the remarkable contributions and achievements by the late Dr. Brenda Estelle Armstrong who dedicated her life to improve the lives of others. Dr. Armstrong's most recent roles were a professor in the Department of Pediatrics and as senior associate dean for student diversity, recruitment and retention at Duke's School of Medicine. She also served the School of Medicine for more than 20 years as associate dean for admission. Dr. Armstrong was the second African-American woman in the United States to become a board-certified pediatric cardiologist and among the first African-American students to attend Duke in the '60s, during the first years the university functioned as a desegregated institution; and

WHEREAS, Durham was truly blessed by the life of the late Dr. Brenda Estelle Armstrong, and our community will truly be a richer place because of the many individuals she and the Duke Department of Pediatrics touched.

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 recognize October 26, 2018 as



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“UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH DAY”

In Durham County, North Carolina. I call upon all citizens to recognize the significance of this event and participate in all activities planned.

This 22nd day of October 2018.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

