

# DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## *Proclamation*

### **DURHAM (NC) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED | 2018**

**WHEREAS,** The Links, Incorporated, is an international, not-for-profit corporation established in 1946, consisting of nearly 15,000 professional women of color in 288 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and United Kingdom; and

**WHEREAS,** The Durham (NC) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated was inducted into the National body as the 77<sup>th</sup> Chapter on October 11, 1958, and has served the Durham community for more than half a century, volunteering 31,920 service hours in Durham over the last 10 years with a market value of more than half million dollars; and

**WHEREAS,** for 60 years, members of the Durham Chapter have worked to improve the well-being of Durham residents through leadership, philanthropy, and service and have demonstrated a legacy of *stepping up* and *stepping in* to leverage their collective resources to provide opportunities for others; and

**WHEREAS,** its members are highly respected professionals who are business owners, lawyers, dentists, physicians and corporate leaders who serve on boards and as trustees of foundation and share their expertise, professional skills and financial resources with non-profits, congregations, faith based and community organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** some of its very accomplished members include former Durham County Commissioner Josephine D. Clement and former State Senator Jeanne Hopkins Lucas, who was also the state's first Black female state senator; and

**WHEREAS,** the Durham (NC) Chapter of the Links, Inc. has positively impacted the quality of life in Durham through partnering with other likeminded organizations to address critical issues such as health, domestic violence and sexual health, gun safety and by becoming the first Black group and women's organization to sponsor a Habitat for Humanity House.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2018 as

### **“DURHAM (NC) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED DAY”**

in Durham County, North Carolina. I call upon all citizens to salute and acknowledge the significant role that members of the Durham (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated have played for more than sixty years contributing to an enviable quality of life for residents of this community, the state and beyond.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

