

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

CROP HUNGER WALK| 2019

- WHEREAS,** 50 years ago, 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 donated by U.S. farmers and send to Europe on "Friendships"; and
- WHEREAS,** today, the Durham CROP Hunger Walk has become an important part of community life, bringing together people of different faiths, socioeconomic levels, cultures, and ages to provide local and international hunger aid; and
- WHEREAS,** in the last 44 years, the Durham CROP Hunger Walks have raised over \$4.4M that helped and brought hope to people in need here in Durham and around the world; and
- WHEREAS,** the Durham CROP Hunger Walk has awarded more than \$1M to local hunger fighting agencies that include the 2018 recipient agencies: 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 Table Ministries, Partners for Youth Opportunity, St. Andrew's Society, Antioch Builds Community and Mt. Calvary UCC Food Pantry; and
- WHEREAS,** the Durham CROP Hunger Walk raised \$158,800 in 2018; and
- WHEREAS,** the Durham CROP Hunger Walk is the oldest fund-raising walk in NC, and will hold its 45th Annual CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, April 7th; and
- WHEREAS,** the Durham CROP Hunger Walk helps the community become aware of hunger issues and gives community members the opportunity to be part of the solution; and
- WHEREAS,** the Durham CROP Hunger Walk is the largest CROP Walk in the nation, out of more than 800 walks; demonstrating the tremendous compassion and dedication of Durham's citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham CROP Hunger Walk continues to successfully raise funds to "End 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, April 7, 2019 as

"DURHAM CROP HUNGER WALK DAY"

in Durham County, North Carolina.

This the 25th day of March 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

