

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY| 2019

- WHEREAS,** service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and
- WHEREAS,** the nation's elected leaders are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and
- WHEREAS,** AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities;
- WHEREAS,** national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and
- WHEREAS,** national service programs continue to improve lives and communities in Durham County, North Carolina, with 93 AmeriCorps members and 120 Senior Corps volunteers currently serving
- WHEREAS,** national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and
- WHEREAS,** national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and
- WHEREAS,** national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and
- WHEREAS,** the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and local leaders across the country for National Service Recognition Day on April 2, 2019.

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 2nd day of April 2019 as

“NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY”

in Durham County, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

This the 25th day of March 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

