

# DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## *Proclamation*

### OLDER AMERICANS MONTH | 2019

- WHEREAS,** Durham County includes a growing number of older Americans who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County will have almost 90,000 residents 60 and over by the year 2037; and
- WHEREAS,** 1 of every 5 persons will be 65 and over by 2025; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County is committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County and Durham County Social Services partners with numerous agencies to ensure the health, well-being, and safety of its seniors and provide critical needed supportive services that enable seniors to thrive within the community; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County recognizes the importance of bringing together all generations and engaging in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of all; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County can enhance the lives of older Americans in our community by:
- promoting home and community-based services that support independent living.
  - involving older adults in community events and other activities.
  - providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County has been accepted into the WHO/AARP designation process to be an Age Friendly Community. An age-friendly or livable community has walkable streets, housing and transportation options, access to key services and opportunities for residents to participate in community activities; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County is actively engaged with community partners and the community at large to create a Master Aging Plan that creates a roadmap and key strategies to ensure services are available for the aged population promoting wellness and independence for seniors and their caretakers

**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 May 2019 as

### **“OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”**

in Durham County, North Carolina. We urge every resident to take time during this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve them as essential and valuable members of our community.

This the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

