

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY AWARENESS DAY | 2019**

**WHEREAS,** October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS,** National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** National Mammography Awareness Day is observed annually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in October as a part of National Breast Cancer Awareness month, established during the presidency of William J. Clinton, in 1993; and

**WHEREAS,** October 18, 2019 is the 26th Anniversary of National Mammography Awareness Day (MAD); and

**WHEREAS,** National Mammography Awareness Day serves as a reminder to all women that mammograms are the best method of early detection of breast cancer early; and

**WHEREAS,** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, under the leadership of International President, Dr. Glenda Glover, is focusing on breast cancer awareness through its 2018-2022 International Program, Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service; and

**WHEREAS,** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated seeks to raise awareness about the effects of breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. encourages women ages 40 – 44 to begin annual screening mammography; and

**WHEREAS,** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated seeks to help 100,000 women in order to share information concerning breast cancer and increase awareness regarding the risk factors that contribute to breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated launched the Alpha Kappa Alpha mobile mammography unit on the campus of Texas Southern University, providing access to mammograms to the uninsured; and

**WHEREAS,** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated recognized that although many great strides have been made in breast cancer awareness and treatment, there remains much to be accomplished.

**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 October 18, 2019 as

**“NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY AWARENESS DAY”**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that on this day, we encourage healthcare services, hospitals, clinics and insurance companies, to deliver affordable options so every woman of every income will have easy access to mammograms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that every woman should schedule a mammogram and talk with their healthcare provider about their risk for breast cancer and the best individual screening plan throughout their lifetime.

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

