

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

HONORING THE DEDICATION AND WORK OF SIDNEY BRODIE | 2019

- WHEREAS,** The Durham County Board of Commissioners recognizes that violent crime and gun violence are a public health crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** Sidney Brodie, a lifelong Durham resident, was inspired to take action after a two-year old girl was shot and killed while playing on a neighbor's porch; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1996, Sidney Brodie created the Durham Homicide and Victims of Violent Death Memorial quilt to honor those lost to violence; and
- WHEREAS,** Sidney Brodie sews one new square by hand onto the quilt every time a person is killed in Durham, in remembrance of the victims; and
- WHEREAS,** Sidney Brodie has devoted his life to illuminating the destructive outcome of fear and despair; to helping Durham's citizens pay attention to the problem and begin conversations to end the violence; and
- WHEREAS,** Sidney Brodie's tremendous personal sacrifices and continuing dedication to making Durham a safer community for all its residents exemplifies how one individual can make a difference;

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 recognize and honor the dedication and remarkable life's work of

"SIDNEY BRODIE"

and call on the residents of Durham County to join us in honoring Sidney Brodie's legacy by working together to find ways to end violence in Durham.

This 28th day of October 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

