

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

APPRECIATION FOR GRAND-FAMILY HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD DAY | 2019

WHEREAS, nearly eight million American children live in households with a grandparent and more than three million of these children are cared for primarily by that grandparent; and

WHEREAS, in these families, often referred to as kin-care, kinship care, or grand-families, parents are usually absent and biological relatives – grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins or great grandparents – have the primary responsibility for the well-being and rearing of children in the family; and

WHEREAS, sixty percent of relative caregivers are in the workforce, and more than 35 percent of the 2.7 million grandparents who report they are responsible for their grandchildren's basic needs have provided primary care for more than five years; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30 percent of all children in the foster care system live with relative caregivers, for every child in the foster care system, 25 children are raised by grandparents or other relatives outside of the system; and

WHEREAS, those grand-families that keep children out of foster care save US taxpayers more than \$6.5 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, more than 230,000 North Carolina children under the age of 18 live in homes headed by a grandparent or other relative; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina commends grand-family heads of household – grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins or great grandchildren – for their commitment to family and personal sacrifice for the benefit of children in communities throughout the state, citizens are encouraged to observe this day with appropriate programs and ceremonies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2019 as

“APPRECIATION FOR GRAND-FAMILY HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD DAY”

in Durham County and commend its observance to all citizens.

This the 12th day of November 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

