

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

OLDER AMERICAN MONTH | 2020

- WHEREAS,** Durham County includes a growing number of older Americans who make countless contributions to our community every day; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County is stronger when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are included and encouraged to make their mark; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County recognizes the importance of the physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being of its citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County welcomes the opportunity and challenges that require us to think differently about health and wellbeing, aging in place and long-term care, and has developed a Master Aging Plan to ensure that older adults can safely age in place and with dignity by building a sense of community; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County appreciates the value of inclusivity, racial equity, and assistance in helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their community's commitment to continuously work toward creating an Age Friendly Durham; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County can support our community members by:
- promoting independence, inclusion, and participation;
 - engaging older adults through education, recreation, and service; and connecting people with opportunities to share their time, experience, and talents, especially during this time of physically distancing ourselves, but understanding the importance of remaining socially connected.

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 month of May 2020 as

“OLDER AMERICAN MONTH”

in Durham County. We commend this observance to our residents and urge all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to join with the Department of Social Services, The Durham Center for Senior Life, and Durham's Partnership for Seniors committee to honor older adults, and those who care for them, during May and throughout the year. We urge all to promote and participate in activities that contribute to helping older Americans make choices for a healthy, safe, and rewarding future.

This the 26th day of May 2020.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

