

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Resolution*

**KENNETH WILLIAM EDMONDS**

- WHEREAS,** Kenneth William Edmonds was born in Durham on December 5, 1953 and made his transition on Saturday, May 2, 2020 following a brief illness; and
- WHEREAS,** Edmonds attended public schools in Durham and Chapel Hill-Carrboro, graduated high school from Laurinburg Institute, a preparatory high school located in Laurinburg, NC and continued his education at East Carolina University in Greenville where he studied Journalism; and
- WHEREAS,** The Carolina Times newspaper was a family owned business and Kenneth literally grew up watching his grandfather and his mother manage all aspects of this vital and respected weekly community newspaper; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2002, Kenneth was named Editor-Publisher of The Carolina Times and used all the comprehensive skills he'd learned from shadowing his grandfather and mother in his youth along with his journalism education to ensure that the operations continued successfully and advanced; and
- WHEREAS,** during his career he worked to ensure that The Carolina Times positively represented a true portrayal of Black life in Durham and beyond; and
- WHEREAS,** his outstanding work was admired, and he received numerous awards and recognitions including the 2019 Distinguished Community Service and Community Journalism award from the Bennett College National Alumnae Association in Durham, and recognition from the Durham Civil Rights Workers Reunion Committee in 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** Edmonds was a member of the North Carolina Black Publishers Association, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, and a Life Member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and
- WHEREAS,** this gifted journalist and community leader will long be remembered for his great body of work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby resolve to pay tribute to

**KENNETH WILLIAM EDMONDS**

For carrying on his family's longstanding tradition of publishing relevant news and history of the Black community in Durham and beyond.

We call upon all citizens of Durham County to pause to honor his unique gift of listening attentively, writing compassionately and sharing his keen sense of humanity within the pages of his weekly newspaper.

This the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair

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James Hill, Jr., Vice-Chair

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Heidi Carter, Commissioner

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Brenda A. Howerton, Commissioner

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Ellen Reckhow, Commissioner

