

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH | 2020**

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month, occurring annually in September since 9/11, creates an ideal opportunity for every resident of Durham County, North Carolina, to join citizens across the United States in preparing their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency, including natural, technological, and human caused; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the 2020 National Preparedness Month theme of “Disasters Don’t Wait. Make Your Plan Today”; and

**WHEREAS**, 2020 requires extra precautions due to COVID-19 and additional provisions to keep our residents and their families safe; and

**WHEREAS**, planning now, before a disaster is the best way to improve community resiliency from disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the City/County Emergency Management Division partners with federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies to educate individuals on local hazards and how to prepare for them; and

**WHEREAS**, the City/County Emergency Management Division informs residents on how to take action, through its Alert Durham public education campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, all residents of Durham County, North Carolina, are urged to plan ahead for disasters and encourage their family and friends to do so by visiting the County’s preparedness campaign website at [alertdurham.com](http://alertdurham.com).

**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 September as

**“NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH”**

in Durham, North Carolina and with the theme ***DISASTERS DON’T WAIT. MAKE YOUR PLAN TODAY***, I encourage the community to observe this month by preparing for emergencies before they occur in Durham County, North Carolina.

This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

