

## **Durham County**

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## Legislation Text

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**Item:** 

Resolution - "Guns Down, Lives Up" Rally (10min)

**Date of BOCC Meeting: December 9, 2019** 

## **Request for Board Action:**

The Board is requested to approve the resolution of support for the "Guns Down, Lives Up" rally and initiative organized by Southern High School's football team last month. In light of the escalating gun violence in the community, Southern High School football team members put together a rally against recent gun violence that hit close to home for many. Durham Athletes United Against Violence, Project Build and a host of other youth focused groups are building a movement that will work collaboratively to develop strategies to help middle and high school students learn to avoid violence. Over the coming weeks local high schools will be the setting for similar rallies to share the goal of helping youth combat peer pressure and prevent incidences of gun violence.

<u>Alignment with Strategic Plan:</u> This item aligns with Goal 2: Health and Well-Being for All and Goal 3: Safe Community.

Resource Persons: Wendy Jacobs, Chair, Durham Board of County Commissioners

<u>County Manager's Recommendation</u>: The County Manager recommends that the Board hear from "Guns Down, Lives Up" supporters and approve the resolution of support.