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Item:
Resolution - Board of Elections (10mins)

Date of BOCC Meeting: April 27, 2020

Request for Board Action:
The Board is requested to approve the attached resolution which is intended to support safe elections in the upcoming 2020 General Election. The resolution is similar to a resolution approved recently by the Durham Board of Elections which is intended to support legislative recommendations submitted to the leadership of the General Assembly by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. The recommendations requested changes related to absentee by mail, in person voting and other applicable election laws to ensure a safe and healthy voting environment considering the anticipated continuance of the COVID-19 pandemic into the fall.

The Durham Board of Elections views the recommendations as "moderate modification requests to current laws that will be implemented for the safety and well-being of Durham County residents and those across the state that desire to exercise their constitutional right to vote in this important election."

In addition to approving the resolution, it is requested that the Board share a copy with the leadership of the North Carolina General Assembly, and also share the resolution with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and ask for its support to encourage all counties to adopt similar resolution.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This resolution aligns with Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: Derek Bowens, Director, Durham County Board of Elections

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the resolution and send copies to the leadership and members of the Durham legislative Delegation as well as to Kevin Leonard, Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

County Manager: _____