

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH | 2025

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month is a time to honor the significant religious, cultural, political and economic contributions Jewish Americans have made to our state, nation and Durham County; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, May has nationally been recognized as Jewish American Heritage Month and all citizens are invited to celebrate the vibrant and varied American Jewish experience; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans represent communities across the globe in their diverse racial and linguistic make up; and

WHEREAS, Jewish communities have existed in North Carolina since the 1600's; and

WHEREAS, Jewish North Carolinians have been participants and leaders on the front lines of fights for women's suffrage, racial and gender justice, and social movements supporting diverse North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust teaches us that combatting prejudice, indifference, and systemic bias can create a stronger, more inclusive society, and North Carolina's Jewish community continues to work with members of all faiths and backgrounds so that "never again shall any peoples suffer the evils of discrimination and racial or religious hatred".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as

"JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

in Durham County, North Carolina, and call upon all citizens to observe and celebrate the successes of Jewish Americans and to mark this month with appropriate observances honoring endless possibilities of Jewish Americans everywhere.

This 27th day of May 2025.

Nida Allam, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

