

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

RECOGNIZING A'MEIA MITCHELL | 2019

**WHEREAS**, A'Meia Mitchell, a 14-year-old freshman at Hillside High was born and raised in Durham, NC; and is the daughter of Devecia Hackney and a resident of McDougald Terrace; and

**WHEREAS**, A'Meia Mitchell and her cousin Zirea Hackney attended a "Stop the Bleed" training hosted by Durham's Bull City United and conducted by Tricia Smar and Sean Gibson of Duke University Hospital and Captain Carol Reardon of the Durham County Fire and Rescue Department on March 20, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, "Stop the Bleed" is a national awareness campaign and call-to-action intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives; and

**WHEREAS**, A'Meia Mitchell received a certificate of completion from her "Stop the Bleed" training; and

**WHEREAS**, A'Meia Mitchell's cousin (Zirea Hackney) was shot on March 29, 2019 and A'Meia Mitchell used skills and knowledge from her "Stop the Bleed" training by applying pressure to the gunshot wound, having her mother call 911, and refusing to release the pressure until reaching the hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, Zirea Hackney is alive and recovering from the gunshot wound because of A'Meia's quick response and use of "Stop the Bleed" training;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby recognize A'Meia Mitchell for her life-saving actions.

This the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

