

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

DURHAM DOMESTIC WORKERS DAY OF RECOGNITION | 2019

WHEREAS, domestic and care workers are the childcare, direct care providers and housecleaners who do the important work of making our homes safe environments and offer much needed care for ourselves and our loved ones; and

WHEREAS, domestic and care workers are the backbone of our economy and make it possible for others to work; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing need to fill essential roles of caring for the projected 1 in 5 elderly individuals who will need in-home services in the future and the hundreds of thousands of children needing care; and

WHEREAS, domestic and care workers provide physical, medical, emotional and spiritual support for the individuals they work with; and

WHEREAS, historically these roles have been performed by women, Black people and people of color, undocumented individuals and other vulnerable populations, and have been invisibilized and devalued; and

WHEREAS, there are 3 million domestic and care workers nationwide whose contributions go unnoticed, who do not receive fair wages or benefits, who labor in unsafe conditions and are not covered by comprehensive labor protections; and

WHEREAS, unpaid family caregivers who provide assistance to 70 percent of aging adults and provide 72 percent of home-based child care are not recognized for the invaluable support they provide; and

WHEREAS, there is a history of domestic and care workers creating and leading social justice movements, and domestic and care workers in the South like Dorothy Bolden have organized and demanded dignity and recognition and pushed for policy and social change to honor this vital workforce; and

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 recognize

“DURHAM DOMESTIC WORKERS DAY OF RECOGNITION”

in Durham County.

This 23rd day of September 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

