

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH | 2019

WHEREAS, the County of Durham recognizes the importance of giving children in foster care permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves the opportunity to grow up in a loving, stable home and adoption is one way to build a family; and

WHEREAS, caring adults can make all the difference in the lives of young people, sibling groups, children with special needs, and teenagers; and

WHEREAS, more than 321 children in Durham County, NC are in foster care and of that total number 24 children in Durham County, NC are legally free for adoption and waiting for permanent families; and

WHEREAS, since January 2014 Durham County has successfully recruited families for children waiting; resulting in a total of 166 finalized adoptions, including 30 sibling groups and 16 teenagers; and

WHEREAS, this effort along with similar celebrations in all 50 states around the country will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption.

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 proclaim November 2019 as

“NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH”

in Durham County and I commend this observance to our citizens and urge all citizens to join in raising awareness on behalf of the 24 children in Durham County who are waiting for a loving family. I further encourage communities, businesses, schools, faith-based organizations and families to “answer the call” and honor the special needs of Durham County’s children in hopes of securing a permanent, loving family for every child regardless of race, age, gender, healthy, emotional or behavioral condition and past distress.

This the 12th day of November 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

