

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Resolution*

**SUPPORTING JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL ALLOCATION EXPANSION**

- WHEREAS,** Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) funding is a partnership between the State of North Carolina and the County to ensure a local continuum of services for court involved and at-risk juveniles; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, under the authority of NCGS§143B-851, and within the scope of its powers and duties, "Each County Council shall annually review the needs of juveniles in the county who are at risk of delinquency or who have been adjudicated undisciplined or delinquent and the resources available to address those needs. In particular, each County Council shall assess the needs of juveniles in the county who are at risk or who have been associated with gangs or gang activity, and the local resources that are established to address those needs," and,
- WHEREAS,** the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act passed in 2017, also referenced as North Carolina's Raise the Age legislation, expands the age of juvenile jurisdiction, increasing it to include juveniles ages 16 and 17 years of age effective December 1, 2019; and,
- WHEREAS,** Raise the Age legislation will increase the need for immediate and age-appropriate sanctions and diversion services for juvenile offenders and those at-risk of delinquency; and,
- WHEREAS,** JCPC funding has seen no increase in more than nine years; and,
- WHEREAS,** the effort to immediately and effectively address juvenile offending behavior is an evidence-based investment in North Carolina's future; and,
- WHEREAS,** effective intervention and programming reduces detention and youth development commitments as a cost savings to the state and county.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** we the members of the Durham County Board of Commissioners fully support an adequate and timely increase of local Juvenile Crime Prevention funding to ensure program expansion and successful implementation of the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act Raise the Age Legislation, set for December 1, 2019.

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair

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