

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**HONORING “ALGONQUIN WEEK” IN DURHAM COUNTY | 2019**

- WHEREAS,** in December of 2018, the North Carolina Division of Archives approved the application put forth by Dr. E. Victor Maafo for a Highway Historical marker honoring the Algonquin Tennis Club; and
- WHEREAS,** this marker will commemorate the 1922 establishment of the Algonquin Tennis Club by African Americans in Durham during the era of racial segregation; and
- WHEREAS,** this marker will be the 24<sup>th</sup> historical state marker to be erected in Durham County; and
- WHEREAS,** the Algonquin Tennis Club was associated with the American Tennis Association and sponsored numerous competitions that featured such legendary tennis players as Althea Gibson, Arthur Ashe, and many of Durham’s top tennis players; and
- WHEREAS,** the Algonquin Tennis Club reached out and introduced the world of tennis to a wide array of young people in Durham for half a century; and
- WHEREAS,** the Algonquin Tennis Club also provided space for civic, entrepreneurial, social, and political ventures in Durham’s African American community; and
- WHEREAS,** both the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs in 1935 and the Durham Business and Professional Chain in 1937 were founded at the Algonquin Tennis Club; and
- WHEREAS,** several activities will accompany the official unveiling of Algonquin Tennis Club marker on Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 PM at the W.D. Hill Recreation Center on Fayetteville Street in Durham.

**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, hereby proclaim August 11 – 17, 2019 to be

**“ALGONQUIN WEEK”**

in Durham County, North Carolina.

This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

