

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

AFFIRMING DURHAM COUNTY’S COMMITMENT TO THE PARIS DECLARATION ON FAST-TRACK CITIES ENDING THE AIDS EPIDEMIC

- WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners of Durham County has adopted “all people are healthy” as a strategic priority, and has allocated resources to the prevention and treatment of HIV; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County ranks among 6th among counties in North Carolina and the state ranks 14th among U.S. states for new HIV diagnoses; and
- WHEREAS,** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that the Southeast region experiences the greatest burden of HIV infection, illness and death in the United States and lags far behind in providing quality HIV prevention care and treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** people of color are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS - most notably black gay and bisexual men, black women and transgender women; and
- WHEREAS,** on World AIDS Day 2014 (December 1, 2014) 26 world cities signed the Paris Declaration on Fast-Track Cities Ending the AIDS Epidemic (“Paris Declaration”), in an effort to galvanize action in and solidarity among cities across the world, encourage sharing of best practices and tackling stigma and discrimination; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fast-Track Cities initiative is a partnership between high HIV burden cities worldwide and four core partners – the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC), United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), and the City of Paris; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County Government has prioritized the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS as a part of its overall health strategy; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County’s strategic approach to ending HIV/AIDS aligns with the commitments of the Fast-Track Cities Ending the AIDS Epidemic Initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County currently either provides or partners with community agencies to provide: HIV, Hepatitis, and other sexually transmitted infections testing and counseling in a variety of settings including the Durham County Detention Center; Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA), advocacy for all people knowing their HIV status through the Durham Knows campaign, safe syringe kits according to the State’s Safer Syringe Program (SSP), and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County funded a full-time HIV Coordinator/Navigator position and operational expenses in the adopted FY 20 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners ratifies and approves the action of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Durham County in signing on to the Fast-Track Cities Ending the AIDS Epidemic on behalf of Durham County, and the same is hereby in all respects approved, ratified and confirmed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Durham County Board of Commissioners requests that the Durham County Department of Public Health work with community partners to meet the goals of the Fast-Track Cities Ending the AIDS Epidemic Initiative, including to continue working to exceed the United Nation’s 90:90:90 HIV targets, which ensure that 90 percent of people living with HIV know their status, 90 percent of people with diagnosed HIV are on treatment, 90 percent of people on treatment have suppressed viral loads; end new HIV infections by 2030; end HIV related stigma and discrimination; stop preventable deaths from HIV-related causes; and work to improve the health, quality of life and well-being of people living with HIV; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Durham County will seek to work with federal, state, nonprofit and local partners in pursuit of this; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption, and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

This 12th day of August, 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair

James Hill, Jr., Vice-Chair

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