

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY AWARENESS DAY | 2019

- WHEREAS,** October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS,** National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** National Mammography Awareness Day is observed annually on the 3rd Friday in October as a part of National Breast Cancer Awareness month, established during the presidency of William J. Clinton, in 1993; and
- WHEREAS,** October 18, 2019 is the 26th Anniversary of National Mammography Awareness Day (MAD); and
- WHEREAS,** National Mammography Awareness Day serves as a reminder to all women that mammograms are the best method of early detection of breast cancer early; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, under the leadership of International President, Dr. Glenda Glover, is focusing on breast cancer awareness through its 2018-2022 International Program, Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated seeks to raise awareness about the effects of breast cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. encourages women ages 40 – 44 to begin annual screening mammography; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated seeks to help 100,000 women in order to share information concerning breast cancer and increase awareness regarding the risk factors that contribute to breast cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated launched the Alpha Kappa Alpha mobile mammography unit on the campus of Texas Southern University, providing access to mammograms to the uninsured; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated recognized that although many great strides have been made in breast cancer awareness and treatment, there remains much to be accomplished.

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 proclaim the October 18, 2019 as

“NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY AWARENESS DAY”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on this day, we encourage healthcare services, hospitals, clinics and insurance companies, to deliver affordable options so every woman of every income will have easy access to mammograms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every woman should schedule a mammogram and talk with their healthcare provider about their risk for breast cancer and the best individual screening plan throughout their lifetime.

This 14th day of October 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

