

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

TOGETHER FOR RESILIENT YOUTH (TRY) VIOLENCE PREVENTION | 2019

WHEREAS, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) experienced early in life can lead to a greater risk for committing violence against peers, bullying, teen dating violence and child abuse, elder abuse, intimate partner violence and sexual violence later in life; and

WHEREAS, children who are victims of abuse/neglect are more likely to exhibit antisocial behaviors, suffer from anxiety and depression, encounter challenges in school and abuse drugs or alcohol; and

WHEREAS, 28 percent of high school students reported feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing usual activities; and

WHEREAS, 11 percent of high school students in Durham reported that they did not go to school at least once in the past month because they felt unsafe at school or going to or from school, 51 percent of high school students have seen other students being bullied and 37 percent of high school students report gang activity in school; and

WHEREAS, people living in low resource communities experience more crime, higher stress levels, less access to resources, higher rates of chronic disease and higher rates of early death; and

WHEREAS, strategies applied at the community, relationship and individual levels that include resilience as an antidote to ACEs and that address historical trauma and institutional racism can help prevent multiple forms of violence.

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 call upon all citizens to participate in this Call to Action and join Together for Resilient Youth (TRY) in the Strive to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere (STRYVE) initiative.

This 9th day of December 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

