DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

DURHAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 60TH ANNIVERSARY | 2025

WHEREAS, In 1937 Dr. Hugh Hammond Bennett, a North Carolina native, urged President Franklin D. Roosevelt to create local soil and water conservation districts across the United States to develop locally led conservation programs; and

WHEREAS, From March 22, 1937, to February 2, 1965, the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District was part of the multi-county Upper Neuse River Soil Conservation District, that was instrumental in improving the county's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The Durham Soil and Water Conservation District was officially established as a single-county conservation district on February 2, 1965; and

WHEREAS, The Durham Soil and Water Conservation District is one of 96 conservation districts which cover all of North Carolina and is led by 3 elected and 2 appointed Durham residents known as Conservation District Supervisors who provide leadership for local, voluntary stewardship of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The Durham County's natural resources are renewable and more valuable than the golden leaf for which the County is famous; and

WHEREAS, The Durham Soil and Water Conservation District's mission is to conserve, enhance and promote the natural resources of Durham County by providing technical assistance, environmental education information and economic incentives to County residents and by exhibiting a diversified program to meet its changing needs; and

WHEREAS, The Durham Soil and Water Conservation District is a state and nationally recognized leader in natural resource conservation for its diverse and innovative programs; and

WHEREAS, February 2, 2025, will mark the 60th anniversary of Durham Soil and Water Conservation District and this year represents a significant milestone in the stewardship of natural resources.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Nida Allam and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim February 2, 2025 as the

"60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DURHAM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT"

and commend its celebration to all citizens.

This the 27th day of January, 2025

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Nida Allam, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners