

## **DURHAM HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION RESOLUTION**

### **2017 Resolution Against White Supremacy, Bigotry, and Racism**

Whereas the City of Durham Human Relations Commission condemns all acts of white supremacy, bigotry, and religious discrimination, and

Whereas the Commission recognizes that white supremacy exists not just in rallies as we have seen in Charlottesville, VA on August 11 and 12, 2017, and throughout our nation's history, but in the institutions, culture, and history of our city and country, and

Whereas together, we must work every day to root out this cancerous white supremacy in our own lives and neighborhoods, not only in reaction to moments where hatred becomes visible as mobs marching uninvited through our streets, and

Whereas we must examine, and directly address, the historical and present conditions that give rise to these moments of racial and religious hatred, and

Be it, therefore, resolved that the Durham Human Relations Commission calls on the citizens, elected officials and other representatives of the City of Durham to end the vast racial inequalities in our city, which exist in areas of policing, workers' rights, income, health, small business ownership, and others.

Be it further resolved that the Durham Human Relations Commission affirms that Black lives matter.

Be it further resolved that the Durham Human Relations Commission affirms its desire to welcome all people into our communities of whom have been the targets of oppression and discrimination in our country, particularly, but not limited to, immigrants and refugees, people of the Jewish and Muslim faiths, and people regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Be it further resolved that the Durham Human Relations Commission affirms its 2016 resolution stating that "We believe that people of all, and no, religious beliefs must be respected and embraced."

Be it finally resolved that the Durham Human Relations Commission is committed to ensuring that all people in our city are free to live without fear of racism and discrimination in all its forms.