

DURHAM HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION RESOLUTION

2017 Resolution Regarding Confederate Memorials in Durham

Whereas on August 14, 2017 protesters toppled the confederate statue at the Old Courthouse on Main Street in downtown Durham, which for many Durhamites, symbolizes the historical and present oppression of our African-American citizenry, and

Whereas the state legislature passed a law in 2015 restricting local governments' ability to remove the offending statute, and

Be it, therefore, resolved that the Durham Human Relations Commission calls on Durham County District Attorney Roger Echols to drop the felony charges against the individuals who engaged in recent acts of civil disobedience and nonviolent protest.

Be it, therefore, resolved that the Durham Human Relations Commission affirms the community's request for the immediate removal of all Confederate memorials, flags, statues, memorabilia, plaques, certificates, or any other commemorative objects which exist on city or county property.

Be it further resolved for city leadership to sponsor an inclusive conversation about how Durham can best memorialize the rich and painful history of our city.