

DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ebonettes Service Club Incorporated is a public service organization which was founded by four young African-American women on March 1972; and

WHEREAS, by creating the organization, Susanna M. Bell, Judy Byrd Dillard, Carolyn Jones Thomas, and Marjorie Lester Monroe Thorpe sought to:

- create more opportunities for the development of youth
- enhance Cultural awareness
- act as a catalyst for political action, particularly in issues affecting women
- provide compassionate care for senior citizens in the community; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Club has awarded scholarships to deserving high school seniors, provided numerous gifts to nursing home residents, served meals to senior citizens, led voter registration drives, provided school supplies and back packs for "Back to School Youth Events, served as mentors to the Hillside High School "STAR" program and as sponsors and ambassadors for the Hillside Theatre Program, and served as volunteers for the newly opened Durham Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Ebonettes Service Club members continue to make a positive impact on the lives of those in Durham County who are in need, and their selfless efforts are greatly appreciated; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's program is "Celebrating Thirty Five Years of Service in the Community"; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 31, 2007, the Ebonettes will celebrate its 35th Founders Day at the Durham Hilton by honoring civic and community individuals who "dare to make a difference" in the community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ellen W. Reckhow, Chairman of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2007 as

"EBONETTES SERVICE CLUB INC. DAY"

in Durham County in observance of the group's 35th Anniversary. I further call upon all citizens to celebrate the numerous and significant accomplishments that the Ebonettes Service Club members have made in improving the quality of life in Durham County and beyond.

This the 26th day of March, 2007.



Ellen W. Reckhow, Chairman

