

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF  
EDUCATION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 324**

WHEREAS, Durham Public School Board of Education has drafted and shared a Resolution Opposing House Bill 324 regarding Black History and Critical Race Theory in the US;

WHEREAS, the City of Durham's Racial Equity Taskforce has highlighted the wide-ranging and pervasive, negatively impacting the lives of Black people, indigenous people, and other people of color in Durham;

WHEREAS, the City of Durham affirms the dignity and humanity of each of our residents and the right of every resident to be free from discrimination and harm due to their race;

WHEREAS, the City of Durham is committed to the work to eliminate racial bias and racial disparity and create a more just and equitable world; and

WHEREAS, after over a year of careful deliberation, the City of Durham's Race Equity Task Force has provided recommendations to the City Council to increase racial equity,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Durham City Council calls upon our state and federal representatives to work toward the immediate, opposition to HB324 and work to ensure black history and critical race theory is included in our students' public school education:

1. Encourage our local, state and federal staff have access to racial equity trainings and the ability to explore critical race theory
2. A program to provide a black history to all.
3. A committee to provide a provide recommendations on black history education.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Durham City Council recognizes, adopts and proclaims this Resolution to underscore the freedom and dignity of every human being. As a governmental body, we oppose and reject any form of racism or oppression and pledge to support our residents, churches and organizations working to achieve genuine equality and protect the human rights of all of people of Durham.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Durham requests that the City Clerk send copies of this Resolution to North Carolina State Representative Robert Revives, Representative Zack Hawkins, Representative Vernetta Alston, Representative Marcia Morey, NC State Senator Natalie Murdock and NC State Senator Michael Woodard; also to NC Representative G.K. Butterfield, US Congressional Representative for North Carolina David Price, US Senator for North Carolina Richard Burr and US Senator for North Carolina Thom Tillis.

This is the 21th day of June, 2021.