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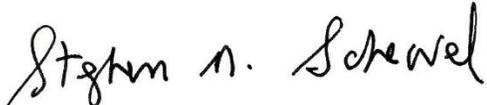
- WHEREAS,** Code for Durham is a brigade of Code for America: a network of volunteers helping government work for the people, by the people, in the digital age. They are focused on creating government services that are simple, effective, and easy to use, making our community a better place to work, live, and play. These volunteers have collectively spent thousands of hours developing better solutions for our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Code for Durham is part of Durham’s workforce development, offering the opportunity to help others learn digital skills and introduce new communities to the tech world. Code for Durham is also a form of community engagement where residents learn about their City, how their government works, and are part of building solutions; and
- WHEREAS,** Code for Durham has partnered with the City of Durham, conserving taxpayer dollars and streamlining services to improve outcomes related to ending hunger, keeping our waterways clean, and the City’s own website; and
- WHEREAS,** in partnership with the Durham Expunction and Restoration Project, the Code for Durham team developed a tool that takes data from an individual’s criminal record and automatically populates the correct petition forms for expunction. This tool reduces a lengthy manual data-entry process down to a few clicks, reducing human error and allowing attorneys to serve more people. Access to record expunction is an important equity issue, and this tool allows Durham to scale these services much faster; and
- WHEREAS,** Code for Durham stands ready to continue partnering with the City of Durham to aid in our recovery from the pandemic, to thrive in increasingly digital times, and to develop smart solutions that improve the lives of all Durhamites.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen M. Schewel, Mayor of the City of Durham, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2021, as

“CODE FOR DURHAM DAY”

in Durham, and hereby urge all residents to join me in thanking the Code for Durham team for their service to our community.

Witness my hand, this the 15th day of February 2021.



Stephen M. Schewel
Mayor