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RESOLUTION #2023-02 OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

AMENDING RESOLUTION #2017-26 TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION FROM FIVE (5) TO SEVEN (7) WITH THE COMPOSITION TO BE AS FOLLOWS - THE ADMINISTRATOR, THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAIR, THE BUSINESS MANAGER, AND FOUR (4) CITIZENS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF DURHAM - AND TO CREATE TERM OF SERVICE OF THREE (3) YEARS FOR THE CITIZEN MEMBERS WITH THE TERMS TO EXPIRE ON A STAGGERED BASIS

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2013, the Durham Town Council adopted Resolution #2013-14 supporting the equality of all individuals to obtain employment, access to all places of public accommodation, and to obtain housing, without regard to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2013-14 also established a Durham Human Rights Commission consisting of the Council Chair, Administrator, and Business Manager with the Administrator serving as the designated liaison between the Town and the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2017, the Durham Human Rights Commission adopted bylaws outlining the Commission's purpose (affirmed by the Town Council) as follows:

The purpose of the Commission is to take steps to give effect to the rights of every inhabitant of the Town of Durham to equal economic, political and educational opportunity, to equal accommodations in all business establishments in the Town and to equal service and protection by public agencies; to eliminate prejudice and discrimination because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, place of birth, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, domestic partner status, marital status, disability or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, HIV status, weight, height, or association with members of such classes; to inform the inhabitants of the Town of Durham with regard to developments in human relations; to provide advice and assistance to the officers, agencies, boards, departments, and employees of the Town in undertaking ameliorative practices to keep peace and good order; and to officially encourage private persons and groups to promote and provide equal opportunity for and good will toward all people; and

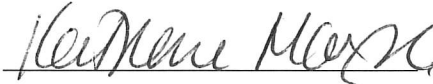
WHEREAS, at the October 2, 2017 Town Council meeting the Council voted to increase the number of members from three (3) to five (5) by adding two citizens who are residents of Durham;

WHEREAS, at the January 9, 2023 Town Council meeting the Human Rights Commission requested to increase the number of members from five (5) to seven (7) by adding two additional citizens who are residents of Durham;

WHEREAS, three-year (3) terms of service should be established to expire on a staggering basis to maintain an adequate membership on the Commission at all times;

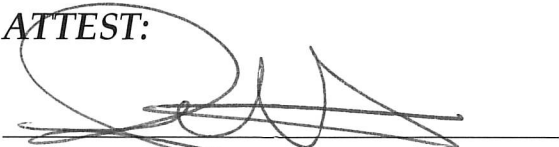
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham Town Council, the governing body of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire does hereby adopt Resolution #2023-02 amending Resolution #2017-26 to increase membership on the Human Rights Commission from five (5) to seven (7) with the composition to be as follows: **the Administrator, the Town Council Chair, the Business Manager, and four (4) citizens who are residents of Durham.** The following will be the terms for the current citizen members with 3-year terms established for future citizen members: **The two current citizen members will have terms of three (3) years ending in April of 2026. One current citizen member will have a term of two (2) years ending in April of 2025. And one current citizen member will have a term of one (1) year ending in April of 2024.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of February by a majority vote of the Durham Town Council with Nine affirmative votes, Zero negative votes, and Zero abstentions.



Katherine Marple, Chair
Durham Town Council

ATTEST:



Lorrie L. Pitt, Town Clerk-Tax Collector