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## RESOLUTION #2022-07 OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR SCHEDULING PUBLIC MEETINGS ON HOLIDAYS FOR TOWN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES TO CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING PUBLIC MEETINGS EACH YEAR

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Durham takes pride being a “Welcoming Community” that embraces all people and their inherent inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, a premise fundamental to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Durham currently closes municipal facilities, provides staff with a paid day off, and generally does not hold any meetings on the federal holidays of New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Indigenous Peoples’ Day, Veterans’ Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas; and


**WHEREAS**, although the Town does not close municipal facilities or provide staff with a paid day off for federal holidays of President’s Day and Juneteenth, it recognizes the significance of both days; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Durham also desires to recognize and take into consideration significant recognized religious holidays when scheduling its public meetings each year such as Good Friday, Easter, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Passover (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> nights), Diwali, Eid al-Adha (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> nights), Lailat al-Qadr, Eid al-Fitr (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> nights), where the tenets of a resident’s religion may prohibit attending meetings on such days and may require their attendance at religious services and celebrations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Durham Town Council, the governing and legislative body of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire does hereby adopt **Resolution #2022-07** and encourages various boards, commissions, and committees of the Town of Durham to take into consideration significant holidays each year when scheduling public meetings.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 15<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2022 by a majority vote of the Durham Town Council with Eight (8) affirmative votes, Zero (0) negative votes, and Zero (0) abstentions.

**NOTE: This resolution will be reviewed periodically.**

  
Katherine Marple, Chair  
Durham Town Council

**ATTEST:**

  
Lorrie Pitt, Town Clerk-Tax Collector