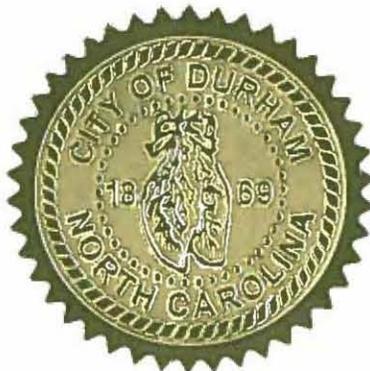


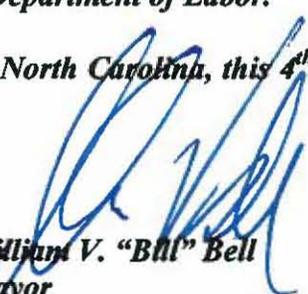
# Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** *for the past 100 years, the United States Department of Labor has fostered, promoted, and developed the welfare of wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of this country; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the United States Department of Labor has continually sought to make the American workplace safer, healthier and fairer for everyone; and*
- WHEREAS,** *working families of Durham, across the country, and across the world have benefitted from the United States Department of Labor's efforts to assure work-related benefits and rights, including the right to be paid fairly for every hour labored; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the United States Department of Labor has evolved to meet the changing needs of a changing workforce by partnering with employers, community organizations and institutions of higher learning to improve job training, provide lifelong learning opportunities and advance efforts for profitable employment; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the impact of the United States Department of Labor has reached outside the confines of the workplace, touching people's lives at all stages, by allowing parents to take leave and tend to loved ones; training veterans and young people for the careers of a lifetime; and guaranteeing the pensions of retired workers; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the inestimable value of the services provided by the United States Department of Labor will remain of paramount importance to the well-being of all Americans and that it will address tomorrow's conditions, and meet the needs of future workers with the same insight, foresight and passion it has shown for the past century.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, William V. "Bill" Bell, Mayor of the City of Durham, North Carolina, do hereby urge all citizens to take special note of this observance and join me in celebrating Monday, March 4, 2013, as the Centennial Anniversary of the United States Department of Labor.**

**WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Durham, North Carolina, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.**



  
William V. "Bill" Bell  
Mayor