



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
Recognizing Pamela J. Dowdy for Her Dedication to  
Children and Families in Wake County**

**WHEREAS**, Pamela J. Dowdy has dedicated herself to improving the lives of children and families in Wake County – serving as Executive Director of Wake County Smart Start since 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Dowdy began her active involvement with Wake County Smart Start when Governor James Hunt announced the Smart Start initiative in 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Dowdy led the integration with Wake County Smart Start for the NC Pre-K Program, which now serves more than 1,000 children each year; and

**WHEREAS**, after 18 years of devoted and enthusiastic service to early childhood education, Mrs. Dowdy will retire on April 5, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Wake County are grateful to Mrs. Dowdy for her years of making the needs of young children and their families a priority, and for preparing our children for successful futures; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners encourages the residents of Wake County to join us, as we extend sincere appreciation to Mrs. Dowdy for her tireless efforts on behalf of our children and wish her happiness in her future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

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Jessica N. Holmes, Chair  
Wake County Board of Commissioners