

*Town of Chapel Hill*

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, as one of the first openly gay politicians to hold office in the United States, San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk is remembered as a hero in the movement for acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBTQ) people; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk approached public service the same way he approached his life: authentically and selflessly, and his election in 1977 marked an important moment for LGBTQ political representation, inspiring countless LGBTQ people to follow in his footsteps; and

WHEREAS, his courage in facing a hostile public and his insistence on being treated the same as anyone else contributed greatly to the advancement of this cause; and

WHEREAS, Milk succeeded not just because he was a gay leader but a champion for his district, a brilliant coalition builder and a community organizer who brought the concerns of ordinary people to city hall; and

WHEREAS, *representation is power*, and our country is at its best when decision-making bodies – city councils, state legislatures, the judiciary, and Congress – represent the full spectrum of America’s diversity, a goal that Harvey Milk strived toward every day of his life,

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Chapel Hill Town Council do hereby stand with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community in honoring the life and legacy of San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Bernard Milk on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his untimely death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge everyone to follow Harvey Milk’s example by working to improve people’s lives through public service.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ON THIS THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.

*Ron Henry*