

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The South Orange Rescue Squad was founded in June of 1971 when local citizens identified the critical need to provide trained, coordinated ambulance transport of the sick and injured to local hospitals; and

WHEREAS, South Orange Rescue Squad is made up entirely of volunteers, who donate their time and resources to train and serve the local communities of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Orange County and adjoining counties when called upon; and

WHEREAS, South Orange Rescue Squad provides regularly scheduled ambulances and EMT crews incorporated into the Orange County 911 system 365 days per year; and

WHEREAS, South Orange Rescue Squad provides on-scene EMS medical care and support for firefighters of municipal and volunteer fire agencies during active fire response; and

WHEREAS, South Orange Rescue Squad provides ambulances and EMT crews for medical emergency response at local mass-gathering events such as UNC athletic events, concerts, festivals, road races, and holiday celebrations, such as Halloween and July Fourth Fireworks; and

WHEREAS, South Orange Rescue Squad's Technical Rescue Team provides high-angle rope rescue, swiftwater rescue, and land search-and-rescue services across Orange County and the State of North Carolina when called upon; and

WHEREAS, South Orange Rescue Squad's Community Education and Programs Division provides free CPR/AED instruction to individuals, groups, organizations, and businesses in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro/Orange County area. Since 2006, South Orange Rescue squad has taught life-saving skills to over ten thousand citizens of the local community; and

WHEREAS, South Orange Rescue Squad has had over 2,000 volunteer members serve their local community. Many of these volunteers have gone on to professional careers to Public Safety, Emergency Management, Medicine, and Public Health; and

WHEREAS, under the motto of "Semper Aptus Muneris" ... "Always Prepared To Serve", the South Orange Rescue Squad members engage in countless hours of specialized training and continuing education to be ready to respond to fellow citizens in their hour of need.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Chapel Hill Town Council do hereby proclaim Friday, June 11th, 2021 to be

South Orange Rescue Squad Day

in Chapel Hill and encourage everyone to show their gratitude to these amazing volunteers for all they do to save lives and keep us safe.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE NINTH OF JUNE IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pam Hemminger".

Pam Hemminger, Mayor