

Town of Chapel Hill

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is an inherited neurological disorder that affects 1 in 100 children and is characterized by involuntary physical and vocal tics that occur many times a day; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is often accompanied by other mental health disorders such as attention deficit and obsessive compulsive disorder, learning disabilities, and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, more than 22,871 school age children in the State of North Carolina alone are dealing with Tourette Syndrome and, although some of these cases are aided by medication, there is no standard treatment or known cure for the disorder; and

WHEREAS, there is an important need for more professional help with interest and expertise to identify, counsel, and treat people with Tourette Syndrome, a disorder that is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood; and

WHEREAS, positive actions to assist children and families living with Tourette Syndrome would result from a broadening of public and professional knowledge and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, the Tourette Association's Greater Carolinas Group, is actively providing services to families, educating medical professionals and teachers, and supporting research to better understand the signs and treatments of TS.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council proclaim June 2019 as

Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month

in Chapel Hill to promote understanding, compassion, and acceptance for all of our fellow citizens who deserve and need our support to break the stigma that surrounds Tourette Syndrome.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ON THIS THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.

Pam Hemming