

Proclamation

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that any plan, rule, or decision related to land implicates the Indigenous stewards of the area; and

WHEREAS, the rich tapestry of our diverse communities actively contributes to the formation of our town's historical and cultural foundations, which serve as a vibrant and integral part of our collective existence; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of historic sites and districts aims to safeguard and preserve the heritage and distinctiveness of the Chapel Hill community, ensuring the protection of historically significant sites and areas that embody important elements of social, economic, political, or architectural history; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill acknowledges and celebrates the invaluable contributions of dedicated individuals and groups who have played a pivotal role in preserving the tangible aspects of our heritage, including its history and architecture, which have profoundly shaped our community; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize the value of historic preservation in conserving the uniqueness of the Town, fostering a sense of unity, and enhancing the stability and value of properties within the designated historic districts; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation serves as a powerful tool to foster sustainable development, revitalize neighborhoods, inspire local pride, promote tourism, and uphold the uniqueness of our community; and

WHEREAS, the significance of historic preservation extends to communities nationwide, encompassing both urban and rural areas, and embracing individuals of diverse ages, backgrounds, and walks of life; and

WHEREAS, established in 1783, Chapel Hill holds a cherished place in local, state, and national history; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, founded in 1793, stands as the oldest publicly funded university in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill proudly encompasses four historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places, two National Historic Landmarks, seven sites listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places, and three local historic districts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill embraces the importance of historic preservation and commits to nurturing and safeguarding our community's rich historical and cultural legacy for present and future generations.

NOW THEREFORE, we the Chapel Hill Mayor and Town Council do hereby declare May 2026, to be

Historic Preservation Month

in Chapel Hill and encourage everyone to learn more about the people and places that have shaped our community.

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



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Jim Allen".