

Town of Chapel Hill

Proclamation

WHEREAS, adult mentors who support young people by showing up for them every day and demonstrating their commitment to helping them thrive; and

WHEREAS, mentoring initiatives such as MENTOR North Carolina, the Blue Ribbon Mentor Program, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Volunteers for Youth make our local communities, our state and our nation stronger; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring promotes healthy relationships and communication, positive self-esteem and growth of a young person; and

WHEREAS, students who meet regularly with their mentors are more than fifty-two percent [52%] less likely than their peers to skip a day of school, and youth who face an opportunity gap and have a mentor are fifty-five percent [55%] more likely to be enrolled in college than those who had no mentor; and

WHEREAS, youth who regularly meet with their mentors are forty-six percent [46%] less likely than their peers to start using drugs and twenty-seven percent [27%] less likely to start drinking alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of adults consider it highly important for young people to have mentors, and that same population estimates that only a quarter of youth have the mentors they need; and

WHEREAS, research shows that forty-four percent [44%] of adults who are not yet mentoring are willing to consider assume a mentorship position; and

WHEREAS, almost half of young adults today report having a mentor in their youth and those rates appear to have been rising steadily over the past several decades; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month is the time of year where engagement from community members interested in becoming a mentor is highest.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chapel Hill Town Council does hereby proclaim January 2020 as

National Mentoring Month

in Chapel Hill and encourages all residents to take this opportunity to celebrate, elevate and encourage mentoring in communities across the county.

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



