

Town of Chapel Hill

Proclamation

WHEREAS, a significant number of households in Chapel Hill have incomes below \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, at 4,000 gallons of use per month, the average water and sewer bill in Chapel Hill requires over 10 hours of work at minimum wage before taxes; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to public health and the vitality of our community for Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) to charge the true cost of service required to invest in our infrastructure and is prohibited by law from providing discounted rates based on income; and

WHEREAS, the Interfaith Council for Social Services (IFC) has partnered with the OWASA since 1997 to provide water and sewer bill assistance to members of our community through the Care to Share program; and

WHEREAS, the Care to Share Program has helped over 200 households every year to pay their bill and maintain vital water services; and

WHEREAS, last year, funds raised through on-bill contributions fell short of covering utility assistance provided by the IFC; and

WHEREAS, it is easy for OWASA customers to contribute on their monthly water and sewer bill or through a one-time gift to the Care to Share Program; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November we celebrate thankfulness for what we have.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby join with the Orange Water and Sewer Authority in proclaiming November 21, 2019 as

“Care to Share Day”

In Chapel Hill and urge everyone in our community to support this important program in whatever way they can.



**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE
TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ON THIS THE
THIRTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN**

Pam Hemm
