

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Town Council is committed to upholding the Paris Climate Agreement and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in order to help mitigate the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the EPA reports that about 29% of all greenhouse gas emissions in the United States are produced by the transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, electric vehicles (or EVs) are a cleaner driving alternative to conventional fossil-fuel powered vehicles; and

WHEREAS, national trends show that EV ownership is growing exponentially, with more than 60% of all EV sales occurring in the last few years alone; and

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill is among North Carolina's highest ranking cities for residents who drive electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Project Drawdown's analysis indicates that by 2050, even if only 16% of the miles driven nationally come from electric-powered vehicles, this could keep 10 gigatons of carbon out of the air; and

WHEREAS, Plug-in NC reports that the typical EV driver spends about \$400 per year versus \$1,250 per year for a gasoline-fueled vehicle; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 25 publicly available EV charging stations in the Chapel Hill area and the Town is looking to site more EV charging stations; and

WHEREAS, the Town is adding more EVs to the fleet, including new all-electric buses; and

WHEREAS, more information about EVs and EV charging stations can be found on the Town's website at sustainchapelhill.org.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council proclaim September 14th – 22nd, 2019 as

Drive Electric Week

in Chapel Hill to heighten awareness about the environmental and economic benefits associated with all-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric vehicles and to urge everyone to look for ways – such as switching to electric vehicles – to green up their commute.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ON THIS THE ELEVENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.



Pam Ferrone