

Town of Chapel Hill

Proclamation

WHEREAS, about 750,000 strokes occur each year in the United States, oftentimes resulting in emotional, thinking and communication impairments; and

WHEREAS, aphasia is a language disorder which affects 30% of stroke survivors; and

WHEREAS, aphasia impacts a person's ability to use and comprehend language but does not affect intelligence; and

WHEREAS, stroke and aphasia appear suddenly but can be preceded by warning signs such as weakness or numbness on one side of the body, dizziness or trouble walking, difficulty seeing, or sudden headache; and

WHEREAS, research is on-going about how aphasia can be treated and new treatment methods indicate ways to shift brain function so people can relearn language; and

WHEREAS, people with aphasia who receive around 8-10 hours of treatment per week show more progress than those who do not; and

WHEREAS, National Aphasia Awareness Month provides an opportunity for us to learn more about this condition and teaches us how to help individuals with this condition live a better life.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as

Stroke and Aphasia Awareness Month

in Chapel Hill and encourage everyone to learn more about aphasia in order to be better communication partners for those in our community with aphasia.



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TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE EIGHTH
OF JUNE IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-TWO.

Dan Hernandez