

# Proclamation

**WHEAREAS**, plants and wildlife provide incalculable services for humankind, including health, cultural, economic, recreational, and spiritual benefits, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States and around the world, more than 2,300 species are recognized as at risk of extinction now or in the foreseeable future, and many more are experiencing declines in populations and future viability; and

**WHEREAS**, the planet is experiencing a biodiversity crisis, which many scientists conclude is the sixth mass extinction event, with plant and wildlife species across the globe facing heightened risk of extinction that is largely driven by human activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States has prioritized the conservation and recovery of imperiled species by enacting the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and other landmark conservation statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, conservation and protection efforts implemented under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 have successfully prevented the extinction of more than 99 percent of species designated as threatened or endangered; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to hundreds of endangered and threatened species, all of which deserve to thrive in their native habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, the protection and recovery of species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 is a remarkable success that should be celebrated.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the Mayor and Town Council of Chapel Hill do hereby proclaim May 16th, 2025 as

## Endangered Species Day

in Chapel Hill and encourage everyone to work towards the conservation of endangered and threatened species everywhere and, also, to reach out to our US Senators and Representative to express support and appreciation for the federal tools provided for conservation which we will do as well.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE  
TOWN ON THIS THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF MAY,  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE.

