

Proclamation

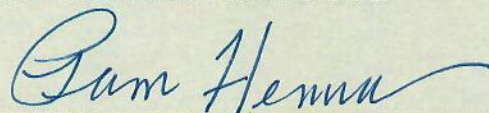
WHEREAS, Roy Williams was born and raised in Marion, North Carolina and graduated from UNC in 1972; and
WHEREAS, he started his college coaching career at North Carolina as an assistant coach for Dean Smith in 1978, winning the national championship four years later; and
WHEREAS, Coach Williams returned to his alma mater, UNC, in 2003 to become UNC men's basketball head coach; and
WHEREAS, Coach Williams continued his mentor and legend Coach Smith's coaching philosophies, including running the break, feeding the post, acknowledging assists from teammates, and most importantly, taught his teams the Carolina Way: Play hard, play smart and play together; and
WHEREAS, Coach Williams has defined UNC men's basketball as head coach for the past 18 seasons, providing college basketball fans throughout the world with so many memorable examples of excellence in coaching and a dedication to the game of basketball; and
WHEREAS, during his time at UNC, Williams won three national championships, reached a total of five Final Fours, finished first in the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season standings nine times, won three ACC tournament championships, one AP National Coach of the Year award, and two ACC Coach of the Year awards; and
WHEREAS, Coach Williams, one of the most accomplished basketball coaches of all time, was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 2007, and tallied 903 career wins; and
WHEREAS, Coach Williams kept UNC's fiercest rivalries intact, going 33-5 vs NC State during his time as coach of the Tar Heels and finishing his illustrious career in grand style with a sweep of Duke in his final season, including beating the Blue Devils 91-73 in the final game he coached in the Dean Dome; and
WHEREAS, the floor in the Dean E. Smith Center was renamed Roy Williams Court in August 2018; and
WHEREAS, Coach Williams has mentored and nurtured and served as role model for many student athletes; and
WHEREAS, Coach Williams has been described as caring, loyal, tough, dedicated, "dadgum" plain-spoken, and a family man; and
WHEREAS, Roy and Wanda Williams donated \$ 3 million to UNC in scholarships to help students afford an education at their alma mater; and
WHEREAS, Coach Williams announced his retirement on April 1, 2021, and walked away with his wife of 47 years into a Carolina blue sunset.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that Coach Roy Williams is a Dadgum Legend and the Chapel Hill Town Council hereby declares Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021 to be

Roy Williams Day

in the Town of Chapel Hill and encourages everyone to recognize and expresses sincere gratitude to Coach Williams for being an exemplary citizen of UNC, Chapel Hill, and North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Chapel Hill Town Council congratulates Coach Williams on his retirement and hopes that his life journey henceforth will abound with joy, including more time for grandkids, golf and being a college basketball ambassador.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE SECOND OF JUNE IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.



Pam Hemminger, Mayor

