

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, May is designated as Preservation Month by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and celebrated throughout the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Preservation Month is dedicated to recognizing that historic sites and cultural landmarks take on special meaning to individuals and communities alike, and is a time to shine a spotlight on the places that have helped shape Chapel Hill's rich and complex history; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chapel Hill was established in 1783 and has been home to the University of North Carolina, the oldest publicly funded university in the United States, since its founding in 1793; and

**WHEREAS**, several places of historic significance in Chapel Hill have received national/federal designations include four National Register Historic Districts; two National Historic Landmarks; and seven sites listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has designated three local Historic Districts: Franklin-Rosemary (1976), Cameron-McCauley (1990), and Gimghoul (1990); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town also recognizes the distinctive character of certain other neighborhoods that are significant to the history, architecture, and culture of Chapel Hill, including Northside, Pine Knolls, and Glen Lennox, and has provided them with special protections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is committed to preserving its Civil Rights legacy and telling a complete story of its past that represents the full diversity of our community; honoring this history by designating memorials such as the Peace and Justice Plaza at the c.1937 Post Office & Courthouse that seeks to honor those who have spoken out on diverse issues such as the Vietnam War, environmental justice, women's rights, gay rights, the death penalty, and racial justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chapel Hill recognizes the value of historic preservation as a way to celebrate our exceptional heritage, maintain significant places that have contributed to the historical character of the Town, and create stronger sense of community and local pride.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

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in the Town of Chapel Hill and urge everyone to acknowledge and celebrate the places that have shaped the town's different social, cultural, and ethnic communities. Additionally, the Town recognizes and thanks the significant contributions of the many organizations, community partners, residents, Town staff and advisory boards, as well as county- and state-wide organizations that have worked to preserve those buildings, monuments, and sites that tell the stories of our past and contribute to our understanding of Chapel Hill's history and how that history has shaped the town today.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF  
CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF APRIL IN  
THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.



*Carr Henn*