

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Disability Pride Month is observed each July in recognition of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990, landmark civil rights legislation that affirmed the rights of people with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of community life; and

**WHEREAS**, disability is a natural and valued aspect of human diversity, and people with disabilities make meaningful contributions to the civic, cultural, educational, economic, and social life of Chapel Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chapel Hill is committed to fostering a community rooted in inclusion, belonging, accessibility, and respect, where all people are welcomed, valued, and empowered to participate fully in public life; and

**WHEREAS**, Disability Pride Month offers an opportunity to recognize the achievements, leadership, resilience, and lived experiences of people with disabilities, while also acknowledging the ongoing work needed to eliminate barriers and advance equitable access throughout our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chapel Hill affirms that accessibility and inclusion strengthen our community and support the well-being, dignity, and self-determination of residents and visitors of all abilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the Chapel Hill Mayor and Town Council, do hereby proclaim July 2026 as

## **DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH**

in Chapel Hill and encourage all residents, businesses, community organizations, and institutions to celebrate the contributions of people with disabilities and to join in advancing a more accessible, inclusive, and welcoming community for all.

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



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John A. Alston", is written over a faint, circular embossed seal in the bottom right corner of the document.