

Town of Chapel Hill

Proclamation

WHEREAS, single-use plastics such as straws, cups, utensils, and take-out containers are not recyclable and must be landfilled; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic bags are recyclable but still cause harm in the environment; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastics remain in the environment indefinitely, harming wildlife, impacting water quality, and diminishing the aesthetic character of the County's outdoor environment; and

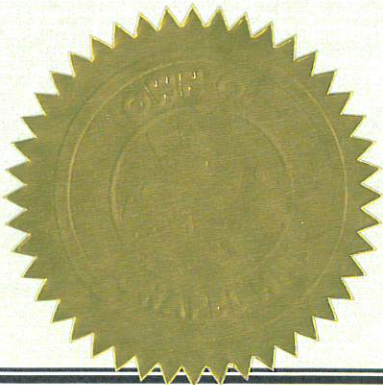
WHEREAS, plastics do not biodegrade in the environment, but instead break down into smaller micro-plastics; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic pollution presents a danger to public health by increasing the pathogens and chemicals in animal tissue, waterways and lowering water quality, requiring significant resources to address; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 Chapel Hill, Orange County and our neighboring towns joined together to promote the reduction in the use of ALL single-use plastics by residents and businesses by encouraging reuse and durable alternatives, refusing single-use plastics when offered, and offering compostable or reusable alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill, Orange County and our neighboring towns are known for and committed to social and technical innovation, environmental and waste reduction leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby declare October 2019 as "Reduce Single Use Plastics Month" in the Town of Chapel Hill and urge everyone to take steps to reduce their consumption of single use plastics.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF
THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ON THIS THE
SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR TWO
THOUSAND NINETEEN.

Pam Henning