

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Eugenia Floyd, a CHCCS fourth-grade teacher at Mary Scroggs Elementary School was named the 2021 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year and recognized as Chapel Hill – Carrboro City Schools' (CHCCS) Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the CHCCS School District where she now teaches, Ms. Floyd began her educator career as a teacher assistant before earning her teaching license eight years ago, and a master's degree last year in gifted education; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Epps, principal of Mary Scroggs Elementary, said in her letter recommending Ms. Floyd as Teacher of the Year that she is "an advocate for all her students, and she works tirelessly to make strides to close the achievement gap and dismantle systems and structures that operate with a fixed mindset."; and

WHEREAS, State Superintendent Catherine Truitt said that Ms. Floyd's passion for teaching and belief in all of her students' ability to learn exemplifies the strengths of North Carolina's teachers across the state; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Floyd says that her approach as a teacher has been shaped by her own experience as an African American student, often faced with what she saw as low expectations from her teachers; and

WHEREAS, as a teacher, Ms. Floyd believes that students will do what you expect them to do and she strives to make sure her own behavior and academic expectations are high for her students; and

WHEREAS, she wants her students to be able to use what they have learned in order to make themselves and the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, in her classroom, Ms. Floyd teaches a unit focused on social issues to help her students connect with the world around them, facilitating discussions about their own experiences, such as bullying, an injustice which they may have witnessed happening to others, to broader societal issues such as racism and sexism; and

WHEREAS, outside the classroom she has created a neighborhood tutoring program for students who need more time to master reading and math skills; and

WHEREAS, through her dedicated work, Ms. Floyd serves as a mentor, advocate, role model and leader who helps shape the lives of students in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Chapel Hill Town Council do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 16, 2021 to be

Eugenia Floyd Day

in Chapel Hill and urge everyone to thank Ms. Floyd for her hard work and dedication to the youth in our community and their families.

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



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pam Hemminger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Pam Hemminger, Mayor