

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, over 20% of households in Chapel Hill were estimated to have incomes below \$25,000;

**WHEREAS**, at 4,000 gallons of use per month, the average water and sewer bill in Chapel Hill, requires nearly 13 hours of work at minimum wage before taxes to pay;

**WHEREAS**, clean water is critical to public health and the vitality of our community;

**WHEREAS**, Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) is prohibited by law from providing discounted rates based on income;

**WHEREAS**, providing equitable drinking water and wastewater services to the community requires investment in the community's water and wastewater infrastructure;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) has partnered with OWASA since 1997 to provide water and sewer bill assistance to members of our community through the Care to Share program;

**WHEREAS**, over the last year, Care to Share has provided nearly \$20,000 of utility bill support to over 100 Chapel Hill households;

**WHEREAS**, it is easy for OWASA customers to contribute on their monthly water and sewer bill or through a one-time gift to the IFC's Care to Share Program;

**WHEREAS**, non-OWASA customers can support Care to Share by giving directly to the IFC;

**WHEREAS**, during the month of November we celebrate thankfulness for what we have;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2022 as

## **"Care to Share Day"**

in the Town of Chapel Hill and encourage those who are able to support this program.



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

*Dawn Hemm*