## Town of Chapel Hill

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, North Carolina reported its first case of COVID-19 on March 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, North Carolina has experienced nearly 845,000 COVID cases and 11,000 deaths; and

WHEREAS, Orange County has experienced over 7,500 COVID cases and 93 deaths over the past year; and

WHEREAS, the United States has recently surpassed over 500,000 deaths from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, our frontline health care and essential workers have faced incredible challenges as we battled the pandemic and continue providing the services our residents need; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a physical, mental and emotional toll on our front-line, health care and essential workers and residents; and

WHEREAS, our county, state and nation are grieving the hundreds of thousands of lives lost as well as personal, financial, economic and other impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, we continue to fight the pandemic by caring for those battling the virus, continuing our research on treatment and prevention, and vaccinating our residents; and

WHEREAS, we will continue working together as a community until we can bring an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, we the Chapel Hill Town Council do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 to be

## **COVID Remembrance Day**

in Chapel Hill and urge everyone to remember the lives lost and severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and, also, to recognize the hard work, dedication and sacrifices of our frontline health care and essential workers that have selflessly served our community during this time.



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

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