

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill is a community which acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism, and service; and

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill is a community which chooses to shine a light on and celebrate initiatives that “go the extra mile” to make a difference and lift up fellow members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill acknowledges the mission of Extra Mile America to create 550 Extra Mile cities in America and is supported “Extra Mile Day” on November 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, we urge everyone in the community to not only “go the extra mile” in their own lives, but to acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make the community, country, or world a better place; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s no barrier, weekly Food Distribution provided quality food, including fresh produce, to community members since 2012; and

WHEREAS, prior to 2020, the Food Distribution was active in the Town’s Public Housing Communities. In response to COVID in 2020, the Town prioritized food insecurity and expanded the weekly distribution to contactless sites first at the Hargraves Community Center, then the Chapel Hill Public Library, then the Eubanks Park and Ride Lot; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Chapel Hill Food Distribution served approximately 7,175 boxes of food to the community; and

WHEREAS, beyond providing quality food, the Chapel Hill Food Distribution has:

- Distributed masks and provided information about safety and resources to the community during the pandemic in multiple languages.
- Continued to provide communications in multiple languages.
- Partnered with Activate IFCl to register participants to vote on-site.
- Partnered with the Marian Cheek Jackson Center to distribute food to residents of the Northside neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council recognize the Town of Chapel Hill Food Distribution for its weekly initiative to provide quality food to the community and for always “going the extra mile”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council recognize Public Housing Director Faith M. Brodie, the Town’s Public Housing staff, many Town employees, the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, and the many volunteers that have operated the Town of Chapel Hill Food Distribution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council thank the Town of Chapel Hill Food Distribution Team for its extraordinary service to the Chapel Hill community.

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

Dans Henner

