

Proclamation

WHEREAS, local and regional public transit are necessities for our community; and

WHEREAS, communities across the United States observe Transit Employee Appreciation Day each year on March 18 to recognize transit operators' dedication, hard work, and the essential services they provide as they move people about by rail, bus, taxi and van to name a few and

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill Transit operates as a partnership between the Town of Carrboro, the Town of Chapel Hill, and the University of North Carolina, providing fare-free, 7-day-a-week transit service to help our communities and the university meet our transportation, sustainability, and equity goals; and

WHEREAS, bus operators work hard each day to help transit users access jobs, health care, school, community services, and many other personal, social, and civic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, bus operators start their days before the sun rises and finish them long after the sun sets, including working weekends and on or around holidays, while many of us are spending time with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to meeting stringent safety requirements, bus operators must demonstrate customer service, patience, empathy, and understanding to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for community members and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Transit Employee Appreciation Day offers an opportunity to recognize all members of the Chapel Hill Transit team – including maintenance staff, administrative professionals, operations support, and every employee who contributes to safe, reliable, and welcoming transit service to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mayor and Chapel Hill Town Council, hereby proclaim March 18, 2026, as

Transit Employee Appreciation Day

in the Town of Chapel Hill and encourage all residents and visitors to incorporate public transit into their transportation routines; to become advocates for local and regional public transit; and, most important, to thank our local and regional bus operators at every opportunity.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE FOURTH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

