

*Town of Chapel Hill*

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fred Battle was a life-long resident of Chapel Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, through his outstanding performance as a member of the Lincoln High School Mighty Tigers football team, he earned an athletic scholarship to North Carolina A & T University in Greensboro; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time in Greensboro, he was an active participant in the non-violent protests to advance civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, he was among the thousands of individuals who were jailed for taking part in the sit-ins aimed at desegregating lunch counters; and

**WHEREAS**, following his graduation from AT & T, Fred moved back to Chapel Hill where he worked for the Parks & Recreation department, serving as the Director of the Hargraves Center and, ultimately, as Parks Superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1987 he founded the Chapel Hill- Carrboro NAACP, an organization that continues to lead the way in advocating for civil rights and social justice for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Fred served as the Branch President for 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, through his involvement with NAACP, on the OWASA board and more, he was known as a faithful servant and caring leader who was a strong proponent for education, community outreach and equal rights for the African American community and other under-represented communities.

**WHEREAS**, the Chapel Hill Town Council wishes to express our deepest gratitude for his leadership, commitment and service to our community.

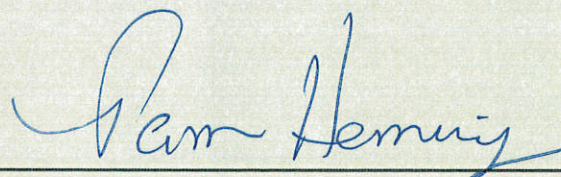
**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council declare April 17, 2019 to be

## Fred Battle Day

in the Town of Chapel Hill and urge everyone to follow his example by working toward equal rights and social justice in our community.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE  
TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ON THIS THE  
SEVENTEENTH DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR TWO  
THOUSAND NINETEEN.

  
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