

*Town of Chapel Hill*

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chapel Hill takes pride in recognizing February 2022 as Black History Month, a time dedicated to remembering and celebrating Black culture, history, contributions, and sacrifices made to create a brighter future for all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month celebrates the achievements of African Americans who have been instrumental in shaping the character, culture, and economic life of our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, first launched "Negro History Week" in 1926, and is widely recognized as the father of Black History; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976 the informal expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was officially recognized by the United States government; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is an occasion to rediscover the enduring stories of African Americans and the gifts of freedom, purpose, and opportunity they have bestowed on future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, during this month, we commemorate heroism, patriotism, and enterprise of African Americans, many of whom lived through and surmounted the scourge of segregation, racial prejudice, and discrimination to enrich every fiber of American life.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby recognize February 2022 as

## **Black History Month**

in the Town of Chapel Hill and urge everyone to celebrate the contributions of Black and African Americans to our Nation and the World.

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



*Sam Hemm*

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