

Proclamation

Whereas, Florentine “Flo” Miller has been a dedicated public servant for nearly 40 years and currently serves as Deputy Town Manager for the Town of Chapel Hill; and

Whereas, Flo is a native North Carolinian who was born in Kinston, a community where she continues to have deep ties; and

Whereas, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from UNC-Greensboro and Master of Public Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill; and

Whereas, Flo served as the assistant administrator for the County Loudoun in Virginia, and then worked for 32 years with the Town of Chapel Hill as Deputy Town Manager; and

Whereas, over the course of her 40-year career, Flo has developed a keen understanding of the administrative, legal and institutional setting of municipal management; and

Whereas, working with every department in the Town has provided her with a broad knowledge of municipal operations as well as experience with a wide diversity of people; and

Whereas, Flo’s tenure as Deputy Town Manager has seen huge transitions in the community including moving to fare-free transit and the implementation of crucial technology enhancements; and

Whereas, Flo has been an invaluable resource and support for Mayors and Town Council members throughout the years - helping to bring newly elected officials on-board, providing historical context when needed, encouraging leaders, managers, and staff to focus on the big picture and look to the future in making decisions, working behind the scenes to solve problems, and ensuring that everyone in attendance at Town meetings and events are taken care of; and

Whereas, within the organization, she is recognized for her mentorship to department heads and attention to staff development as well as her ability to listen, communicate, lead, and support the leadership of others; and

Whereas, Flo has touched the lives of generations of public administration students working for Chapel Hill over the years who have benefitted from her sage counsel and her belief in their ability to grow; and

Whereas, through her example, Flo has demonstrated the importance of public service for the benefit of the community, especially members of our community that are not the most vocal; and

Whereas, outside of her professional work, Flo has shown a deep personal commitment to community, and especially to youth and education in her hometown of Kinston, NC; and

Whereas, Flo Miller personifies the best qualities of the deputy manager and is known and respected throughout the Town of Chapel Hill organization and our community; and

Whereas, she has been the heart and soul of our Town organization and will long be remembered for the care and personal attention she provided to everyone who crossed her path.

NOW, THEREFORE, in honor of her exemplary service and in appreciation for her 32 years of commitment to the Town of Chapel Hill, we the Chapel Hill Town Council do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 26th, 2021 to be

Florentine ‘Flo’ Miller Day

in Chapel Hill and urge everyone to show their appreciation to Flo for all she has done for our community.

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