

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, National Mentoring Month is an annual campaign that focuses attention on the need for mentors and highlights how individuals and communities can work together to increase mentoring opportunities that foster positive outcomes for people of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring programs such as Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle, the Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate Program, and Volunteers for Youth strengthen our community and state by building impactful relationships that increase social capital, expand opportunity, and provide trusted support networks for young people and adults alike; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring plays a pivotal role in career exploration, workforce development, and lifelong learning by helping individuals set goals, navigate transitions, and build the skills and confidence needed for personal and professional growth, benefiting both mentees and the broader community; and

**WHEREAS**, quality mentoring promotes healthy relationships and communication, positive self-esteem, emotional well-being, and personal growth, strengthening connections between individuals and across generations; and

**WHEREAS**, students who meet regularly with mentors are more than 52 percent less likely to skip school and youth facing opportunity gaps who have mentors are 55 percent more likely to enroll in college; and

**WHEREAS**, youth who meet regularly with mentors are 46 percent less likely to begin using drugs and 27 percent less likely to begin drinking alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town honors volunteer mentors who support young people and adults by consistently showing up, sharing their experience, and demonstrating a deep commitment to helping others thrive; and

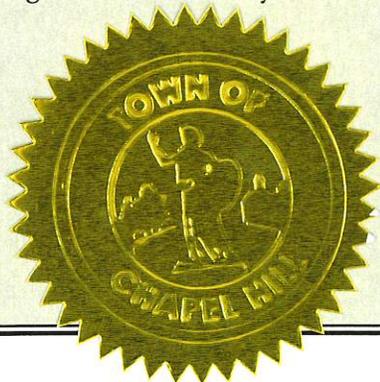
**WHEREAS**, National Mentoring Month provides an opportunity to celebrate, elevate, and expand mentoring throughout our community and to recruit caring mentors in the Town of Chapel Hill;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim **January 2026** as

## **National Mentoring Month**

in Chapel Hill and encourage caring adults to serve as mentors and champions for young people and adults throughout our community.

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan. Allen", is written over the printed name of the official.