

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people, and

**WHEREAS**, today, there are over 300,000 pharmacists licensed in the United States providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

**WHEREAS**, today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups -- both clinically and demographically; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

**WHEREAS**, Pharmacists are specifically educated with a focus and level of expertise on medication therapy that exceeds that of other health care providers, are ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and patients to improve medication use and outcomes by providing services through medication therapy management; and

**WHEREAS**, Pharmacists provide both expertise and accessibility which are crucial to patients fully optimizing access to medications, and provide patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes.

**WHEREAS**, we are pleased to join with American Pharmacists Association, and the Carolina Association of Pharmacy Students at the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy in raising awareness about the important role that pharmacists play in keeping our community healthy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim October 2021, as

## American Pharmacists Month

in Chapel Hill and encourage everyone to acknowledge the invaluable contributions that pharmacists and technicians make to patient care in hospitals, outpatient clinics, and other healthcare settings.



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

*Pam Hemm*