

Proclamation

WHEREAS, On August 1, 1974, the Chapel Hill Community Transit began service under the visionary leadership of Mayor Howard Lee, who reimagined public transit as more than just a means of transportation but as a fundamental civil right; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee's understanding of the importance of equitable and accessible transportation laid the foundation for a system that continues to ensure that everyone, regardless of background, can move about the community; and

WHEREAS, the resulting partnership between the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has been crucial in funding and supporting a transit system that truly connects our communities; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, Chapel Hill Transit has been fare-free for customers, which eliminates financial barriers for the community and enhances operational efficiency; and

WHEREAS, in addition to celebrating its past, Chapel Hill Transit is also actively preparing for the future with the North-South Bus Rapid Transit system, a truly transformative project to reduce traffic, enhance reliability, and promote sustainability.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Mayor and Town Council do hereby recognize and congratulate Chapel Hill Transit on its milestone anniversary and proclaim August 2024 – August 2025 as the

Year of Chapel Hill Transit Appreciation

in the Town of Chapel Hill and encourage everyone to celebrate and support this vital community resource by incorporating transit into their daily routines and showing appreciation to our Transit workers.

