Proclamation

WHEREAS, In 1962, the Congress and President of the United States designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agencies of Chapel Hill play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and

WHEREAS, members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the members of our police department help to strengthen our community by working closely with the youth, neighborhoods, schools and businesses in our community to ensure student safety, provide public safety education, offer support in crisis situations, work to improve automobile, bike and pedestrian safety throughout town, address requests for help as they come in and more; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department of Chapel Hill has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, by rendering a dedicated service to our community, the Chapel Hill Police Department has established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby declare May 15, 2019 as

Peace Officers Memorial Day

and the week of May $12^{th} - 18^{th}$, 2019 as

Police Week

in the Town of Chapel Hill and call upon all citizens to show their appreciation to our dedicated Police officers and to honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN ON THIS THE EIGHTH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN.