

Town of Chapel Hill

Proclamation

WHEREAS, orofacial clefts are the most frequently occurring birth defects in the United States, affecting about 1 in 700 infants per year; and

WHEREAS, infants born with clefts and other craniofacial conditions usually require surgery as well as special feeding support, dental and orthodontic care, and speech therapy as they grow; and

WHEREAS, this complexity of services need to be provided in a synchronized manner over a period of years and are best provided by interdisciplinary cleft and craniofacial teams; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Cleft-Palate Craniofacial Association serve populations affected by craniofacial differences and the professionals who care for them in order to help these infants get a healthy start to life by providing their families with comprehensive information, support, and connections to these interdisciplinary teams; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize the efforts of organizations and families working to ensure a better life for those affected by cleft lip/palate or other craniofacial conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, do hereby proclaim July 2019 as

Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness Month

in the Town of Chapel Hill and urge all citizens to contribute however they are able to the support of families and organizations working to aid those affected by craniofacial birth defects.



**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL
OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ON THIS
THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF JUNE IN
THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.**

Pam Hemmes