Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726, designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Chapel Hill Police Department make up a modern, progressive, and respected law enforcement agency that respects and safeguards the rights of all in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill Police Department has a long-held tradition of effective crime prevention, victim-focused investigations, and the provision of Police Crisis service through its ground-breaking coresponder model; and

WHEREAS, their leadership is vital in this time of reckoning over police and community relationships and the racially disparate outcomes of many traditional law enforcement practices; and

WHEREAS, their efforts will be enhanced through the work and recommendations of the Reimagining Community Safety Task Force whose work is currently underway.

NOW THEREFORE, we the Chapel Hill Town Council do hereby proclaim May 9 -15, 2021 to be

Police Week

in Chapel Hill and encourage everyone to join us in thanking the police officers past and present for their faithful and loyal devotion to preserving the rights and security of all Chapel Hill residents and those who visit here.

Be it further resolved that we proclaim Saturday, May 15th as

Peace Officer Memorial Day

in Chapel Hill and call upon everyone 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 AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE TWELFTH DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.