



# Proclamation

## POLICE WEEK

WHEREAS, in 1961, a joint resolution of Congress authorized the President to proclaim May 15th of each year to be Peace Officers Memorial Day, which honors law enforcement officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, and to proclaim the week of each year during which that date occurs as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, employees in the Carrboro Police Department provide a vital public service by acting as first responders in emergency and crisis situations; by investigating and solving crimes; by offering a variety of community services to individuals, local businesses, and community organizations and agencies; and by participating in ongoing training to stay up to date on current policing techniques, to achieve the department's bias-free policing goals, and to provide community services in a fair and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, in calendar year 2022, the Police Department handled more than 17,000 calls for service and hosted more than 50 community events, including neighborhood meetings, job fairs, the department's prescription drug drop-off events, and more; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Police Department recorded nine uses of naloxone to reverse opioid overdoses, and in 2015 was the first law enforcement agency in North Carolina to use this lifesaving tool; and

WHEREAS, employees in the Police Department attended nearly 1400 hours of training, two officers completed crisis intervention training; two officers retired and six new officers were hired; and two K-9s retired and two new K-9s were trained; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Charles Brent Hobby was named Carrboro's 2022 Police Officer of the Year and was honored on Community Hero Night With Carolina Athletics at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill during the halftime of a Tar Heel men's basketball game; and

WHEREAS, in the Town's most recent biennial community survey, the Police Department was among the major categories of Town services that had the highest levels of satisfaction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 14th through May 20th, 2023, to be Police Week in Carrboro. I encourage residents to share their gratitude with the officers and other professionals in the Police Department for promoting the safety of Carrboro's residents and visitors, and to understand the duties and responsibilities of these essential employees and the risks they often must face to help make Carrboro a safe and welcoming place to live.

This the 12th day of May, 2023.

  
Damon Seils, Mayor

