



# Proclamation

## MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS,

this war isn't war—it's a chance not to kill anyone  
this love isn't love unto death—it's as long as it lasts  
to protect one another is all this occasion demands  
and to look at the world through a steady rifle sight  
and to look within ourselves through every microscope  
and to look at you at every hour every minute at all times  
to protect one another—and in keeping calm and carrying on  
to burn down to the ground and to rise up as smoke  
this war isn't war—but a certain and fiery passion  
this love is forever—just as moments pass forever  
we hit bottom to get stuck in some new heaven  
there is a string that binds us all together  
that string between us is a safety fuse

(Yuri Izdryk, "Make Love," 2013); and

WHEREAS, we observe Memorial Day each year to honor those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we must acknowledge also the profound horror of war, an acknowledgment that is necessary for us to fully understand the deaths of those we honor; and

WHEREAS, the scars of war persist long past the end of overt hostilities: in the families and friends of those who died; in the divisions that persist for generations; and in the economic, political, and social upheaval that arise in the aftermath of violent conflict; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day raises a solemn hope that the deaths of the people we honor will lead to lasting peace, to a world in which the destruction of others is no longer an acceptable means of conflict resolution, and to a time when persistent conflict and continual war is looked on with grief, sorrow, and a shared conviction that it can no longer be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is an occasion to express our deepest appreciation for the rights and liberties available to us and our profound respect and gratitude for those who lost their lives in service to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2023, to be Memorial Day in Carrboro as a day to remember those who lost their lives while serving in the United States Armed Forces and to the victims of war around the world. Moreover, I encourage all residents to affirm and celebrate our community's commitment to nonviolent, peaceful solutions to conflict.

This the 29th day of May, 2023.

*Damon Seils*

Damon Seils, Mayor

