

# Proclamation

## Fitch Lumber Company Day

WHEREAS, Fitch-Riggs Lumber Company, based in Mebane, NC, was founded in 1923 by Abner Brown Fitch and William T. Riggs, who opened a branch in Carrboro and eventually became Fitch Lumber Company in 1927 at the North Greensboro Street location; and

WHEREAS, Fitch Lumber Company is Carrboro's oldest industry in operation today and is the town's second oldest business; and

WHEREAS, Mac Fitch and Miles Fitch Sr. were inducted into the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce's Inaugural Business Hall of Fame in 2013; and

WHEREAS, David, John, and Miles Fitch, sons of Mac Fitch, now run the company with 35 employees and continue the tradition of excellent customer service, innovation, and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Fitch Lumber Company is a Carrboro-owned and-operated business that has long contributed to the local economy, and generated state and local revenues; and

WHEREAS, Fitch Lumber Company has been a certified Orange County Living Wage Employer since 2018; and

WHEREAS, Fitch Lumber Company has a genuine concern for this community and donates goods to schools, churches, and charities to support community projects; and

WHEREAS, Fitch Lumber Company is a founding partner in the nonprofit Hope Renovations, and has contributed supplies to Habitat for Humanity and the Fix-A-Home committee; and

WHEREAS, Fitch Lumber Company has led the effort to establish the Fitch Family Comprehensive Pediatric Rehabilitation Program with UNC Children's Hospital to support families who are enduring traumatic life events; and

WHEREAS, Fitch Lumber Company's most recent award, the 2022 Innovative Business of the Year award from The Chamber for a Greater Chapel Hill-Carrboro, accompanies the countless accolades earned throughout the years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 12, 2023, to be Fitch Lumber Company Day in Carrboro, in gratitude for 100 years of service to the people of Carrboro and invaluable contributions to the life and spirit of our community.

This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023

  
Damon Seils, Mayor

