

A Resolution Honoring Braxton Foushee

WHEREAS, The Honorable Braxton Dunkin Foushee was born on December 13, 1939; and

WHEREAS, Braxton Dunkin Foushee, around the age of 15 years, became part of a voter registration project and worked with Ms. Rebecca Clark to escort and protect older Black citizens to register to vote in Carrboro; prior to their involvement, citizens of Carrboro had to guess how many jellybeans were in a jar in order to register, following a national pattern of voter disenfranchisement; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Braxton Dunkin Foushee began to work with the local labor movement in Carrboro and Chapel Hill, advocating for equal pay and fair treatment for Black residents; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Braxton Dunkin Foushee became the first Black member of the Carrboro Town Council (then known as the Board of Aldermen) and served until 1981; and

WHEREAS, Braxton Dunkin Foushee championed many issues which impacted the Black community in Carrboro, including ensuring equitable access to paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle infrastructure for the Black residents of Carrboro; and

WHEREAS, Braxton Dunkin Foushee worked tirelessly to fight injustices against Black residents by law enforcement in the 1970s, resulting in state agencies investigating and diversifying the Carrboro Police Department in the late 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Braxton Dunkin Foushee has dedicated over 54 years of his life to continuous service, as an elected official, a member of a town advisory board, and a community leader;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carrboro Town Council hereby honors and thanks Braxton D. Foushee for his tremendous service to the Town of Carrboro.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carrboro Town Council designates December 13, 2023, and every December 13th thereafter, as “Braxton Dunkin Foushee Day of Service” in Carrboro, on which day the Town encourages the residents of Carrboro to learn and reflect on Carrboro’s Black history and perform an act of service to their neighbors or the community.

This the 24th day of October 2023.



Damon Seils, Mayor

