

Proclamation

Care to Share Day

WHEREAS, in 2021, nearly 12% of households in Carrboro were estimated to have incomes below \$25,000;

WHEREAS, at 4,000 gallons of use per month, the average water and sewer bill in Carrboro, requires nearly 14 hours of work at minimum wage before taxes to pay;

WHEREAS, clean water is critical to public health and the vitality of our community;

WHEREAS, Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) is prohibited by law from providing discounted rates based on income;

WHEREAS, providing equitable drinking water and wastewater services to the community requires investment in the community's water and wastewater infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) has partnered with OWASA since 1997 to provide water and sewer bill assistance to members of our community through the Care to Share program;

WHEREAS, in 2022, Care to Share provided \$28,000 of utility bill support to 146 households;

WHEREAS, it is easy for OWASA customers to contribute on their monthly water and sewer bill or through a one-time gift to the IFC's Care to Share Program;

WHEREAS, non-OWASA customers can support Care to Share by giving directly to the IFC;

WHEREAS, during the month of November we celebrate thankfulness for what we have;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Damon Seils, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **November 16, 2023** as "Care to Share Day" in the Town of Carrboro, in conjunction with the Orange Water and Sewer Authority.

This the 14th day of November 2023.


Damon Seils, Mayor

