

Proclamation

FEMICIDE AWARENESS

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro recognizes the urgent need to address the crisis of femicide, which disproportionately affects women; and

WHEREAS, femicide is a hate crime directed at women- whether assigned as female at birth or self-identified as female -because of their sex or gender; and

WHEREAS, femicide is a grave issue in our society, with more than five women losing their lives daily in the United States alone, constituting 70% of the total deaths of women in high-income countries. Globally, the United States ranks 34th in intentional homicides of women, with a rate of 2.6 murders per 100,000 women; and

WHEREAS the data analysis organization Statista finds that North Carolina had the sixth highest number of homicides of women by men among all US states in 2020 and

WHEREAS, the lack of specific legislation recognizing femicide as a distinct crime from homicide in the United States hampers efforts to address and prevent these tragic deaths; and

WHEREAS, recent cases of femicides in North Carolina, such as the tragic death of Liliana Concha, underscore the imperative for legislative action to provide justice for victims and their families, enable accurate data collection and research, and serve as a deterrent against such heinous crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro recognizes the importance of taking proactive measures to address gender-based violence and promote the safety and well-being of all residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro is committed to supporting legislative efforts to classify femicide as a distinct crime, ensuring that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and that victims receive the justice they deserve regardless of sexual orientation, religion, race or age and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, do hereby proclaim March 8th as a day to raise awareness about femicide and call for action to prevent these murders. Let us use this day to honor the memory of victims, support survivors, and advocate for policies that promote the safety, protection and equity of all women, regardless of age.

This the 5th day of March, 2024.


Barbara M. Foushee

