

# Proclamation

## TRANSIT OPERATOR APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS, local and regional public transit are necessities for our community; and

WHEREAS, communities across the United States observe Transit Operator Appreciation Day each year on March 18 to recognize transit operators' dedication, hard work, and the essential services they provide as they move people about by rail, bus, taxi and van to name a few and

WHEREAS, transit operators start their days before the sun rises and finish them long after the sun is set, including working weekends and on or around holidays, while many of us are spending time with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to meeting stringent safety requirements, transit operators must demonstrate customer service, patience, empathy, and understanding to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for community members and visitors; and

WHEREAS, transit operators work hard each day to help transit users access jobs, health care, school, community services, and many other personal, social, and civic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, we have been shown how vital public transit is to our communities; and how transit operators continue to work on the front lines, adapting to new work environments and safety requirements and helping transit users safely reach essential destinations while also responding to various changes in their own lives; and

WHEREAS, here in our community, Chapel Hill Transit operates the second largest transit system in North Carolina as a partnership between the Town of Carrboro, the Town of Chapel Hill, and the University of North Carolina, providing fare-free, 7-day-a-week transit service to help our communities and the university meet our transportation, sustainability, and equity goals; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Go Triangle extended regional transit service into Carrboro and, since that time, has operated weekday service between downtown Carrboro and the Triangle region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M Foushee, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2024, to be Transit Operator Appreciation Day in Carrboro. I encourage all residents and visitors to incorporate public transit into their transportation routines; to become advocates for local and regional public transit; and, most important, to thank our local and regional transit operators at every opportunity.

This the 5th day of March, 2024.

  
Barbara M. Foushee

