

Proclamation

CREEK WEEK CELEBRATION
MARCH 17-26, 2024

WHEREAS, the first County Creek Week in central North Carolina was observed in the City of Durham in 2009, and is now observed by many local governments across the state; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Creek Weeks, many local governments and organizations across central and eastern North Carolina, including Carrboro, have conducted Big Sweeps and other efforts to clean up trash in waterways; and

WHEREAS, Regional Creek Week, started by the NC Clean Water Education Partnership in 2021, is a special week set aside where CWEP-affiliated local governments (including Carrboro) concurrently work together to celebrate and steward local creeks and streams; and

WHEREAS, the third annual Orange County Creek Week is coordinated by the Towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough; Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA); the Orange County Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation; UNC Institute for the Environment; Sustainable Carolina; and UNC Environment, Health, and Safety; the Eno River Association; and the Haw River Assembly; and

WHEREAS, creeks, streams, rivers, and other waterways support outdoor recreation, fisheries, healthy lifestyles, safe drinking water supplies, biodiversity, natural beauty, and provide critical habitat for aquatic wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro will celebrate Creek Week with townwide and countywide events and activities highlighting how water connects us to each other and our world;

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Barbara M. Foushee, by virtue of the authority vested in me do hereby proclaim the third week in March as **CREEK WEEK** in the Town of Carrboro and encourage all community members to celebrate Creek Week and support efforts to protect our creeks and streams, and further encourage all community members to steward our waterways and in doing so promote the wellbeing of current and future generations.

This the 15th day of March, 2024.


Barbara M. Foushee

