

Proclamation

WATER FOR PEACE DAY

WHEREAS, water can create peace or spark conflict; when water is scarce or polluted, or when people have unequal, or no access, tensions can rise between communities and countries; and

WHEREAS, more than 3 billion people worldwide depend on water that crosses national borders; yet, only 24 countries have cooperation agreements for all their shared water; and

WHEREAS, as climate change impacts increase, and populations grow, there is an urgent need, within and between countries, to unite around protecting and conserving our most precious resource; and

WHEREAS, public health and prosperity, food and energy systems, economic productivity and environmental integrity all rely on a well-functioning and equitably managed water cycle; and

WHEREAS, when we cooperate on water, we create a positive ripple effect – fostering harmony, generating prosperity and building resilience to shared challenges; and

WHEREAS, we must act upon the realization that water is not only a resource to be used and competed over – it is a human right, intrinsic to every aspect of life; and

WHEREAS, this World Water Day, we all need to unite around water and use water for peace, laying the foundations of a more stable and prosperous tomorrow; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2024, to be “Water for Peace Day” in Carrboro.

This the 22nd day of March, 2024.


Barbara M. Foushee

