

Proclamation

MEMORIAL DAY 2024

WHEREAS, we observe Memorial Day each year to honor those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, on this day, it is important to acknowledge the profound horror of war, an acknowledgement that is necessary for us to fully appreciate the sacrifices of those we honor; and

WHEREAS, the scars of war persist long past the end of overt hostilities: in the families and friends of those who have died; in the unattained promise of the lives that were lost; in the divisions that live on for generations; and in the economic, political, and social upheaval that arise in the aftermath of violent conflict; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day raises a solemn hope that the deaths of the people we honor will lead to lasting peace, to a world in which the destruction of others is no longer an acceptable means of conflict resolution, and to a time when persistent conflict and continual war is looked upon with grief, sorrow, and a shared conviction that it can no longer be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is an occasion to express our deepest appreciation for the rights and liberties available to us and our profound respect and gratitude for those who lost their lives in service to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 27, 2024, to be Memorial Day in Carrboro as a day to remember those who lost their lives while serving in the United States Armed Forces and to the victims of war around the world. Moreover, I encourage all residents to affirm and celebrate our community's commitment to nonviolent, peaceful solutions to conflict.

This the 27th day of May, 2024.


Barbara M. Foushee

