



Proclamation

POLICE WEEK

WHEREAS, in 1961, a joint resolution of Congress authorized the President to proclaim May 15th of each year to be Peace Officers Memorial Day, which honors law enforcement officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, and to proclaim the week of each year during which that date occurs as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, employees in the Carrboro Police Department provide a vital public service by acting as first responders in emergency and crisis situations; by investigating and solving crimes; by offering a variety of community services to individuals, local businesses, and community organizations and agencies; and by participating in ongoing training to stay up to date on current policing techniques, to achieve the department's bias-free policing goals, and to provide community services in a fair and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, in calendar year 2023, the Police Department handled more than 17,000 calls for service and hosted 37 community events, including National Night Out, neighborhood meetings, job fairs, the department's prescription drug drop-off events, and more; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Police Department recorded thirteen uses of naloxone to reverse opioid overdoses, and in 2015 was the first law enforcement agency in North Carolina to use this lifesaving tool; and

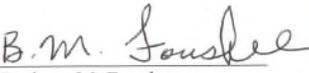
WHEREAS, employees in the Police Department attended over 3200 hours of training, three officers completed crisis intervention training; one officer retired, and four new officers were hired; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Edgar Deharo was named Carrboro's 2023 Police Officer of the Year and was honored on Community Hero Night with Carolina Athletics at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill before the start of a Tar Heel men's basketball game; and

WHEREAS, in the 2022 Carrboro Community Survey, the Police Department was among the major categories of Town services that had the highest levels of satisfaction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 12th through May 18th, 2024, to be Police Week in Carrboro. I encourage residents to share their gratitude with the officers and other professionals in the Police Department for promoting the safety of Carrboro's residents and visitors, and to understand the duties and responsibilities of these essential employees and the risks they often must face to help make Carrboro a safe and welcoming place to live.

This the 7th day of May, 2024.


Barbara M. Foushee

