

# Proclamation

## CREEK WEEK CELEBRATION March 15 - 22, 2025

**WHEREAS**, streams, rivers, lakes, and other waterways hold significant public value, providing drinking water, opportunities for recreation, and places of inspiration and reflection; and,

**WHEREAS**, healthy waterways are essential for sustaining rich biodiversity, offering critical habitat for wildlife, and providing vital ecosystem services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the advocacy, education, and celebration of water resources have been a pillar of America's environmental movement for more than 150 years; its reverence and importance already recognized by the ancestral people of the Americas; and,

**WHEREAS**, in addition to Creek Week, awareness campaigns, beach sweeps and other efforts to empower people to clean up trash in waterways have been ongoing since the 1960s; and,

**WHEREAS**, the first 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**, Regional Creek Week, launched in 2021, is a dedicated week during which local governments affiliated with the North Carolina Clean Water Education Partnership (CWEP) celebrate and steward local creeks and streams; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Carrboro works collaboratively with local partners, including county government, municipalities, institutions, nonprofits, and community organizations, to support and sponsor Orange County Creek Week; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Carrboro is celebrating this week with town and countywide events and activities highlighting how water connects us to each other and our world. Events include Hillsborough Invasive Species Removal, a Creek Week Kick-off at the Drakeford Complex, a Bird Walk at Morgan Creek Trail Trailhead, Wetland Buffer Ball Workshop at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park in Carrboro, and a Joint Cleanup with Carrboro and Chapel Hill along the Robertson Bike Path to name a few. To see a full list of events check out our social media pages.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Barbara M. Foushee, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina do hereby proclaim the third week in March as Creek Week in the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina. I 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 to promote the wellbeing of this resource for future generations.

This the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

  
Barbara M. Foushee

