

Proclamation

WORLD WATER DAY

WHEREAS, the theme of World Water Day 2025 is 'Glacier Preservation'. Glaciers are critical to life – their meltwater is essential for drinking water, agriculture, industry, clean energy production and healthy ecosystems; and,

WHEREAS, about 70% of Earth's freshwater exists as snow or ice. As the planet gets hotter, our frozen world is shrinking, making the water cycle more unpredictable; and,

WHEREAS, countless communities and ecosystems are at risk of devastation. For billions of people, meltwater flows are changing- causing floods, draughts, landslides and sea level rise, and damaging ecosystems; and,

WHEREAS, glaciers reflect sunlight due to their bright surfaces, helping to regulate Earth's temperature. As they melt, this reflective surface shrinks, causing more heat absorption, which accelerates global warming; and,

WHEREAS, as we work together to mitigate and adapt to climate change, glacier preservation is a top priority; and,

WHEREAS, we must reduce greenhouse gas emissions to slow down glacial retreat, and we must manage meltwater more sustainably; and,

WHEREAS, saving our glaciers is a survival strategy for people and the planet.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2025, to be "World Water Day" in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to work together to learn more about the water cycle, and to raise awareness and inspire action to preserve glaciers and adapt to a changing climate.

This the 18th day of March, 2025.


Barbara M. Foushee

