



# Proclamation



## A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> – MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2019 AS “CARRBORO INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK”

**WHEREAS**, February 25<sup>th</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 is National Invasive Species Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2017, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen accepted the Community Climate Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Climate Action Plan encourages the protection and enhancement of ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of invasive species decreases biodiversity, compromises ecosystem health and resilience, influences fire regimes, and reduces wildlife habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species are found on 133 million acres of federal, state, and private land in the United States and expand across 1.7 million additional acres each year; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species threaten 400 of the 1300 species listed under the Endangered Species Act through loss of habitat, predation, and resource competition; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species control and damage remediation costs reach \$120 billion yearly in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, native plant species:

- provide ecosystem services such as flood mitigation, soil nutrient cycling, and carbon sequestration;
- increase biodiversity and support food webs by providing food, shelter, and resources for insects and wildlife;
- possess adaptations to local conditions, providing savings on maintenance costs by requiring less water, pesticides, and fertilizers;
- decrease the threat of wildfire by supporting normal levels of fuel loading; and
- represent elements of a region’s cultural heritage.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, North Carolina do hereby proclaim **February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019** as “**Carrboro Invasive Species Awareness Week**” and I ask Carrboro residents to join in the efforts to support native species.

This the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor