



Proclamation



MEMORIAL DAY 2020

WHEREAS, every Memorial Day, we honor those who lost their lives while serving in the armed forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on this day, there is no shame in acknowledging the profound horror of war; in fact, this acknowledgement is necessary to fully appreciate the sacrifices of those we honor; and

WHEREAS, the scars of war can 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 can live on for generations, and in the economic, political and social upheaval that too often arises in the aftermath of conflict; and

WHEREAS, today is not about the veneration of war; it is about a solemn hope that the sacrifices we honor will lead to a lasting peace and security, to a humanity in which the destruction of others is no longer an acceptable means of conflict resolution, to a time when the persistent conflict and continual war that characterizes much of the world today is looked upon with grief, sorrow, and a shared conviction that it can no longer be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, on this day when we honor our fallen, we look to a means of achieving our nation's security that respects the full spectrum of our values, not simply to further our own ends, but for the betterment of all people; for our country to be an example of justice, restraint, and generosity, to build upon common interests, to meet challenges together, and to protect those who are helpless, harmed and innocent; and

WHEREAS, while we aspire to a future of peace, cooperation and mutual prosperity, we recognize that our national security relies upon people who choose a path that leads away from comfort and safety, who choose to confront danger and hardship, who are willing to risk, and even lose, their lives; and

WHEREAS, as we deeply appreciate the liberty afforded to us by our nation, we feel profound respect and gratitude for those who gave their lives to ensure this freedom that we so dearly cherish.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, the Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby declare **Memorial Day, May 25, 2020**, as a day to remember not only those who have fallen due to the tragedy of war, but also the victims of war around the world.

FURTHERMORE, I affirm and uphold our community's commitment to non-violent, peaceful solutions to conflict.

This the 25th day of May, 2020.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor