



# Proclamation



## IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH 2020

**WHEREAS**, generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe have built our country's economy and created the unique character of our nation, and immigrants continue to grow businesses, innovate, and strengthen our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, immigrants have provided the United States with unique social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, immigrants have been tireless leaders, not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but have campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the contributions of our immigrant community, the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history and continuing to the present day; and

**WHEREAS**, while today's United States Supreme Court decision, *Dept. of Homeland Security v. Regents of the University of Southern California*, puts DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) back into effect for now, we recognize that there is still much continued legal work and advocacy ahead for our immigrant community; and

**WHEREAS**, instead of targeting and harassing our immigrant community, which some at the national and statewide level would have us do, we choose instead *to honor and support and do whatever we can to keep safe* these members of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Lydia Lavelle, the Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2020 as "Immigrant Heritage Month" in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to respect and honor the many contributions that immigrants have made in our community and our nation.

This, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor