



# Proclamation



## SCHOLASTIC JOURNALISM WEEK

**WHEREAS**, our community values careful reporting of and commentary on current events of local, state and national importance; and

**WHEREAS**, scholastic journalism has been an important part of high school curricula for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, producing student media teaches valuable skills, including leadership, collaboration, accountability, media literacy, critical thinking, time management, creativity, and problem-solving; and

**WHEREAS**, student journalists learn to research, evaluate and process data and information; and develop crucial communication skills such as writing, speaking, design and audio/video production; and

**WHEREAS**, participating in scholastic journalism empowers young people to engage with their communities and to actively and effectively express and exchange ideas in a public forum; and

**WHEREAS**, the scholastic journalism experience imbues young people with capabilities and tools that are essential to a successfully functioning democracy.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, do hereby declare February 21-27, 2021, Scholastic Journalism Week in Carrboro. I ask all residents to express their encouragement and gratitude to our student journalists and the teachers and advisors who support them.

This, the 19th day of February 2021.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor