



# Proclamation



## MEMORIAL DAY 2019

**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, we also reach out to the families and friends of those who have fallen; and

**WHEREAS**, America is currently a country at war; as we honor the sacrifices, bravery and selflessness of service members, we also urge our national government to find peaceful and enduring solutions to international conflicts; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of those countries that are impacted by war suffer intense physical and psychological trauma, economic hardship and social dislocation; many have lost loved ones, many are forced to leave their homelands in order to survive, many carry scars, both visible and non-visible, that last a lifetime and can carry forward to future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the heroism, dedication and sacrifice of our nation's military personnel, history and current world affairs plainly indicate that war and other forms of violent conflict rarely achieve clear and sustainable results, often leading to further conflict and misery; and

**WHEREAS**, nations throughout the world, including the United States, should strive to eliminate the root causes of war by ensuring respect for cultural, political and religious diversity, enhancing economic equality and political freedom, and developing an international community that guarantees security while offering means of conflict resolution that don't involve war, violence and intimidation; and

**WHEREAS**, while we aspire to a world of greater peace, we also recognize that there are threats to our national security that cannot be ignored or denied; we implore our national government to counter these threats in a manner that protects our security while remaining humane, ethical and faithful to our national values; and

**WHEREAS**, we deeply appreciate the liberty afforded to us by our nation, and 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 27, 2019**, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor