



# Proclamation



## COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

**WHEREAS**, change is constant, it affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other communities; proper planning is vital in managing this change in a manner that improves how people work, live, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be involved in making the choices that fulfill the shared-vision of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, achieving the full benefit of planning requires public officials and residents who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions that sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our neighborhoods and environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for 2020, *Planning is Essential to Recovery*, emphasizes the importance of planning as we contend with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

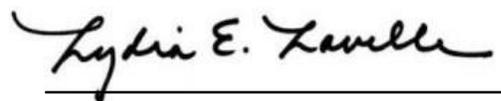
**WHEREAS**, community planners must also look to the future and identify the impending challenges that we will face; issues such as climate change, over-development and traffic congestion cannot be easily solved after the fact, but effective planning can help to mitigate or prevent such problems before they adversely impact the community; and

**WHEREAS**, celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the contributions and dedication of advisory boards and municipal planners who have dedicated their time and expertise to managing growth and change, responding to crises, and improving the life of residents in Carrboro.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2020, as “**Community Planning Month**” in the Town of Carrboro. I encourage all residents to learn about, and participate in, community planning, and to recognize the efforts of Carrboro’s Planning Department and the Advisory Boards that serve our Town.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.



  
Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor