IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, generations of immigrants from around the world 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 leaders, not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but have campaigned to create a more fair and 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 been frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history and continuing to the present day; and,

WHEREAS, this last year of the COVID-19 pandemic has been particularly challenging for our immigrant community, and our Town Council and town staff have worked to try to mitigate these challenges and support these community members; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro is very appreciative of local non-profits and other groups that work with our immigrant community, including El Centro Hispano and the Refugee Support Center; and

WHEREAS, instead of targeting and harassing our immigrant community, 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 2021 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 country.

This, the 1st day of June, 2021.

Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor