

Proclamation



“PLAY BALL SUMMER” IN CARRBORO

WHEREAS, the sport of baseball is America’s national pastime; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors, Major League Baseball, and Minor League Baseball are partnering to recognize June through August as *PLAY BALL SUMMER*; and

WHEREAS, the sports of baseball and softball teach valuable life lessons of teamwork, perseverance, leadership, and sportsmanship, and showcase America’s diverse culture; and

WHEREAS, the sports of baseball and softball provide a proud sense of belonging to something bigger than oneself; and

WHEREAS, *PLAY BALL SUMMER* encourages families and communities to support local organized baseball and softball leagues, and attend baseball and softball camps, as well as to continue to play informally throughout the summer; and

WHEREAS, *PLAY BALL SUMMER* can also serve as a catalyst for residents of the town to follow their favorite baseball teams and players regularly, to take the additional hours that summer brings to study the myriad of baseball statistics that accompany major league baseball, and to watch this year’s Major League Baseball All-Star Game which will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at Progressive Field in Cleveland, Ohio; and

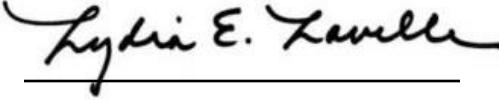
WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has chosen to further recognize the importance and influence of the sports of baseball and softball in our town by sponsoring a poetry/essay contest for young people on the topic of “What Baseball or Softball Means to Me;” and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lavelle wants to take this opportunity to affirm her lifelong love of baseball, and her excitement at being able to issue this proclamation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June – August as *PLAY BALL SUMMER* throughout the town of Carrboro. I urge residents to take time this summer to enjoy the game of baseball in some way, perhaps by attending a game, listening to a game online or on the radio, looking at baseball cards, playing catch with others or hitting at a batting cage, or watching a favorite baseball movie such as “Bull Durham.”

This the 18th day of June, 2019




Lydia E. Lavelle