



Proclamation



ARBOR DAY 2021

WHEREAS, on Arbor Day, we celebrate trees and honor their essential role in the ecology of our planet; as the Arbor Day Foundation states, “Trees provide the very necessities of life itself – they clean our air, protect our drinking water, create healthy communities, and feed the human soul;” and

WHEREAS, the history of this day dates back to 1872, when J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting trees; on April 10, 1872, the date of the first Arbor Day, approximately one million trees were planted in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the United States and by nations around the world; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro has been long been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees can help to mitigate the Earth’s rise in atmospheric carbon by removing carbon from the atmosphere in a process called carbon sequestration, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, and produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and trees are also a renewable resource giving us paper, wood, and countless other products; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of Arbor Day, the Town of Carrboro Public Works Department will join together to plant a tree in order to celebrate the day.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **Friday, April 30th** as “**ARBOR DAY**” in the Town of Carrboro, and urge all residents to help protect our trees and forests and to support our town’s urban forestry program. Further, I encourage all residents to plant trees to promote the well-being of present and future generations.

This, the 27th day of April 2021.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor