



Proclamation



Community Planning Month

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, community planning month provides an opportunity to pause and reflect on the true purpose of planning, the value of community, made even more apparent this year, during the extended period of a pandemic and the 20th anniversary of the events of 9/11; and

WHEREAS, work on the Town's first comprehensive plan has required innovative ways of seeking out those who may not typically get involved in Town activities and events; and

WHEREAS, the Town has embraced the full spectrum of outreach strategies from increasing the Town's social media platforms to returning to more traditional formats such as printed materials and the community bulletin boards; and

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

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories, and

WHEREAS, the American Planning Association endorses National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight how planning is essential to recovery and how planners can lead communities to equitable, resilient and long-lasting recovery; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of our numerous advisory boards and commissions, task forces, and coalitions, and other citizen planners who regularly contribute their time and talents to the improvement of the Town of Carrboro; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners of the Town, Orange County, our neighboring communities, region, and State, and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 as **Community Planning Month** in the Town of Carrboro in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

This the 12th day of October 2021



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor