Proclamation

Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, in 1968, the US Congress established National Hispanic Heritage Week, which was observed annually until 1989, when it became a month-long observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15; and

WHEREAS, in September, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua celebrate the anniversaries of their independence; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 US Census, Hispanic and Latinx people make up approximately 13 percent of the population of Carrboro, the highest percentage in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize the contributions and achievements of Hispanic and Latinx people in the United States, to acknowledge their vital impact both locally and throughout the nation, and to celebrate these communities' diversity, culture, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 15th, El Centro Hispano, Africa Unplugged, Arthur Murray Durham and Mambo Dinamico will Embrace Rhythm and Dance at the Living Arts Collective in Durham, NC; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, September 19th, the Orange County Department on Aging will host the Hispanic Heritage Cultural Fair at the Seymour Center in Chapel Hill, NC; and

WHEREAS, the 11th annual Hispanic Heritage Fiesta will be held on September 21st at the Shakori Hills Arts Center in Pittsboro, NC

WHEREAS, throughout the month, the UNC Carolina Latinx Center will celebrate Latinx Heritage Month with the theme "Llama De Orgullo – Embracing the Fire Within";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2024, to be Hispanic Heritage Month in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to participate in the month's events and to learn about and celebrate the lives, history, and contributions of Hispanic people during this month-long celebration and throughout the year.

This the 12th day of September 2024

Barbara M. Foushee