



Proclamation



TRAILS DAY

WHEREAS, in 1993, the first National Trails Day was held to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the National Trails System Act; this legislation called for the establishment of trails throughout the United States that would provide people of all skill levels and abilities, in both rural and urban settings, the opportunity to experience the simple pleasures and healthful benefits that hiking can offer; and

WHEREAS, now in its 28th year, National Trails Day is celebrated on the first Saturday each June; it has become a day for people to join together for hikes, to work on sustaining and improving trail systems, to enjoy nature and the physical activity provided by our federal, state and local trails; and

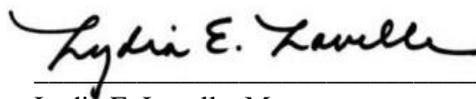
WHEREAS, this year, National Trails Day occurs in the context of a global pandemic, one which has forced many people to remain in their homes for extended periods, avoiding outdoor spaces and other people; as the pandemic progresses and restrictions change, we still must consider the potential consequences of moving about in the world and possibly exposing ourselves and others to this terrible disease; and

WHEREAS, in this year, more than ever, in the midst of the COVID19 pandemic, we should celebrate Trails Day and the aspirations it represents: a bond with nature, a recognition that health, both physical and mental, is enhanced by outdoor activities, preservation of our natural environment, and an optimism that can be gained by simply putting one foot in front of the other as we hike a trail.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2020 as “**Trails Day**” in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to enjoy the wonderful hiking opportunities that can be found in our region, and to do so in a manner that is responsible, respectful of others and that acknowledges the reality of the continuing pandemic.

This the 2nd day of June, 2020.




Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor