



# Proclamation



## ARTHUR BEVEN RAMSEY DAY

**WHEREAS**, Arthur Beven Ramsey was born in Dunn, North Carolina, grew up in Cumberland County, later became a highly-respected and passionate member of the arts community in Carrboro, North Carolina, then sadly passed away on December 26, 2018 after a long battle with cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, he began his theater career at an early age, performing with Cape Fear Regional Theater, in seasonal showcases, and in public service videos for teens; and

**WHEREAS**, Beven attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, studying modern dance with Lisa Yount and Marion Turner Hopkins, was accepted at the North Carolina School of the Arts summer dance program, then moved to Los Angeles, California to work in television, music videos, art expos, and movie productions; and

**WHEREAS**, Beven returned to North Carolina in 2006 and opened "Blu-Icon Salon and Color Group", in Carrboro, N.C., adding entrepreneurial success to his artistic achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2011, he co-founded the Carrboro Modern Dance Company, with his long-time dance associate and friend, Mary Grady Norkus, building this non-profit dance company to serve the Triangle dance community, offering an opportunity to participate in professional-level dance classes, to collaborate and perform with dancers and choreographers from around the region and nation, and to raise awareness and funding for community-based artistic projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Beven invigorated Carrboro as a passionate supporter of the arts community, by his dedicated presence for over four years as chair of the Carrboro Arts Committee, as an active board member on the Carrboro Economic Sustainability Commission, and as a board member and volunteer at the ArtsCentre of Carrboro; and

**WHEREAS**, he leaves behind a legacy of social awareness and justice, extended by a practice of friendship and inclusion, and we acknowledge that Carrboro has sadly lost a hardworking visionary, a forward-thinking spirit and a warm-hearted and generous friend.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, March 17, 2019 as "Arthur Beven Ramsey Day" in the Town of Carrboro. I encourage all residents to recognize the achievements and contributions of this remarkable person, and honor his legacy by taking time to participate in a creative activity.

This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor