



Proclamation



COVID-19 MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has sadly led to the death of over 343,000 residents of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 59th Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC), under the direction of President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris, is hosting a ceremony on January 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to memorialize these lost lives; this ceremony will feature a lighting around the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool in Washington, D.C., the first-ever lighting around the Reflecting Pool to memorialize American lives lost; and

WHEREAS, the organizers have asked for cities and towns to also light their buildings at 5:30 p.m. on January 19th, the evening before the presidential inauguration; and,

WHEREAS, the organizers have also asked for churches to toll their bells at 5:30 p.m. this same evening; and

WHEREAS, the organizers have also asked for individuals to light candles in their window on January 19 at this same time, to join in the countrywide moment of remembrance; and

WHEREAS, this event is meant to unite the nation in a moment of togetherness and unity; and

WHEREAS, as we remain in the midst of a deadly pandemic where so many Americans are grieving the loss of family, friends, and neighbors, it is important to pause and reflect on the lives that we have lost, as we continue to work to defeat COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **Tuesday, January 19th** as “**COVID-19 Memorial Day**” in the Town of Carrboro. Carrboro Town Hall will be lit on this evening, and I urge all churches and clergy to toll their bells and all resident of Carrboro to light a candle at 5:30 p.m. to honor the lives lost to the pandemic, and to reflect upon this challenging period in our nation’s history.

This, the 15th day of January 2021.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor