

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF

KEVIN C. FOY

TO THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

WHEREAS, Kevin C. Foy served the Town of Chapel Hill as Mayor from December 3, 2001 to December 3, 2009; and as a Town Council member from December 1, 1997 to December 3, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin is the longest serving Mayor in Chapel Hill's recent history, having served for 8 years; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin has worked tirelessly on policies that protect the natural environment, protect our diverse neighborhoods, and maintain positive and productive relations with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin spearheaded policies that have transformed Chapel Hill into a vibrant mid-sized city - These include instituting fare-free transit service (Chapel Hill Transit now carries 7.5 million passengers annually), directing investment into redevelopment of downtown, and preserving the character and natural setting of the community while ensuring that new parks and schools keep pace with growth; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin was instrumental in establishing and implementing the Town's affordable housing policy and as a result 330 affordable housing units have been constructed and over \$1.5 million in revenue has been generated to keep housing affordable; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin oversaw numerous major Town building projects and bond projects, including Southern Community Park, The Homestead Aquatic Center, The Town Operation Center, and the project to transform Lot 5 into 140 West; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin worked to ensure that major new private development projects reviewed and approved by the Town met the community's standards and incorporated its values in their design and construction through protection of open spaces, provision of affordable housing, and installation of appropriate public infrastructure improvements; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin's leadership in promoting the arts and encouraging an increased investment in public art has created a new and innovative model for art administration in the Town and has led to many public art projects throughout the community; and,

WHEREAS, under Kevin's leadership and precise analysis of budgets, the Town is in excellent financial shape, with a 20% reserve balance and a AAA bond rating; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin successfully worked with the University of North Carolina on the proposed Carolina North Development in order to address the concerns and interests of citizens, the Town,

and the University, these efforts culminating in a final development agreement passed in June 2009; and,

WHEREAS, in June 2009 the U.S. Conference of Mayors awarded Kevin its highest honor, naming Chapel Hill America's Most Livable City; and,

WHEREAS, in June 2008, the U.S. Conference of Mayors awarded Kevin the Climate Protection Outstanding Achievement Award in recognition of championing Chapel Hill's Fare-free Transit system; and,

WHEREAS, in December 2007, Kevin received the Community Champion Award from the Inter-Faith Council for his steadfast commitment to the homeless community and support for the Inter-Faith Council; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin served as the Chair of the North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, the organization representing the state's largest cities – and has worked to enhance the judicial systems ability to address urban issues; to identify and implement transportation options; and to manage urban growth; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin worked hard to protect the interests of university communities across the state by leading the North Carolina League of Municipalities University Community Caucus – a group that met regularly to discuss issues that are unique to university communities such as public safety, zoning authority, and fire protection; and,

WHEREAS, Kevin served the community and Council through his active participation on the following committees and work groups, lending his creative energy and thoughtful leadership:

North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition
Coalition of Mayors Against Illegal Guns
Mayors for Peace
Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership
IFC Men's Residential Facility Work Group
Justice-In-Action Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee for the Durham-Chapel Hill Urbanized Area
Mayor's Mental Health Task Force

WHEREAS, by virtue of Kevin's ability to make local government accessible and inclusive; his ability to effectively chair Town Council meetings, ensuring that Council Members and citizens all had the proper opportunities to participate; and his masterful skill and collaboration and facilitative leadership, he will be missed by his fellow Council Members, along with citizens and employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that we hereby honor and thank

KEVIN FOY

For his outstanding service to the people of Chapel Hill and his willingness to serve the community as an elected leader; and we further resolve that Chapel Hill is a better place because of Kevin.

This the 7th day of December, 2009.