



# Proclamation



## VOTER REGISTRATION DAY AND YOUTH VOTER REGISTRATION INITIATIVE

**WHEREAS**, the tragic mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School in Parkland, Florida prompted a powerful national youth organizing movement, one through which young people are inspiring their peers to effect change through democratic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, voting is one of the most effective ways young people can make their voices heard; and

**WHEREAS**, despite this, fewer than one in five 18-29 year olds vote, and only about half of young Americans are even registered to vote.; and

**WHEREAS**, empowerment begins with civic engagement, such as participation in the electoral process; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers and administrators in Carrboro are strongly encouraged to discuss the importance of civic involvement, voting, and the democratic process with their students; and

**WHEREAS**, the November 6, 2018 election will have a critical impact on residents and students of Carrboro, as well as the entire state of North Carolina, with six proposed amendments to the North Carolina Constitution on the ballot, as well as numerous local and statewide offices; and

**WHEREAS**, to vote, a person must be a U.S. citizen, and at least 18 years of age by the date of the November 6 general election; and

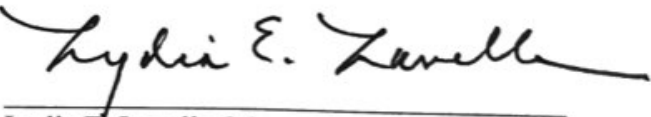
**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute § 163A-888 encourages voter registration at public high schools, stating that “[e]very public high school shall make available to its students and others who are eligible to register to vote the application forms described in G.S. 163A-862, and shall keep a sufficient supply of the forms so that they are always available [;]” and

**WHEREAS**, increased participation of younger voters will significantly impact the future of our democracy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, hereby proclaim September 25th 2018 as Voter Registration Day and support the efforts of a Youth Voter Registration Initiative at Carrboro High School. I challenge all students at Carrboro High School and throughout Carrboro to not only register themselves to vote, but to urge their friends and family members who are not yet registered to vote to do so.



This the 25th day of September 2018

  
Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor