



Proclamation



SOUTH ORANGE RESCUE SQUAD 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, emergency, general, and technical rescue services are vital for a community; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Rescue Services in Orange County was first established in 1968 with the creation of the Orange County Rescue Squad; Volunteer Rescue Services expanded with a second service, the South Orange Rescue Squad (SORS), which was established in 1971 in Carrboro; and

WHEREAS, the land for the SORS building was donated by Edward Yaggy, and the bricks for the building came from his mill on the adjacent property; and the people of Carrboro and Chapel Hill donated the money to build the SORS station which was completed in 1974; and,

WHEREAS, SORS is completely volunteer-run, made up of over 100 volunteers who provide vital public services to the residents of Orange County; in the words of SORS, SORS acts as a “developmental league” to the emergency services profession by providing training, instruction, and service opportunities for individuals interested in medical career development; and the volunteers of SORS have been providing services to Orange County and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill since the first week of June 1971; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, SORS volunteers have also provided assistance with local emergency service relief, including assisting with local food distribution efforts, providing EMTs to assist with vaccination clinics; and providing stand-by ambulance/EMT coverage for vaccination distribution; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has not changed the fact that every day, emergencies occur, and SORS volunteers continue to respond to medical emergencies, falls, accidents, and all other routine events of day-to-day life, now with additional precautions and safety measures required by the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and appreciate the value and accomplishments of the 50 years of service of SORS - the South Orange Rescue Squad - whose motto is *Semper Aptus Muneris*, meaning “Always Prepared to Serve.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia Lavelle, the Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 11, 2021, as **SOUTH ORANGE RESCUE SQUAD DAY** in Carrboro. I encourage all Carrboro residents to celebrate the service that SORS has contributed to our community over the last fifty years.

This, the 8th day of June, 2021.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor