

**PROCLAMATION**  
**“Bill of Rights Day”**

**WHEREAS**, the people of North Carolina withstood many hardships in order to secure their inalienable rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina withheld ratification of the Constitution of the United States until a **Bill of Rights** could be added, providing that the rights of the people might be preserved from infringement by government; and

**WHEREAS**, freedom of belief, expression and association, due process of law and equal protection of the laws as proclaimed by the **Bill of Rights** of the United States Constitution are indispensable to a democratic society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Carrboro reaffirmed the human rights of its residents by passing “A Resolution Regarding the USA Patriot Act and the Protection of Civil Rights and Liberties (Resolution No. 186/2001-02)” on June 25, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Carrboro again reaffirmed the human rights of all its residents by passing “A Resolution Establishing a Policy that the Carrboro Police Department Will Not Seek to Arrest Persons when the Sole Basis for Arresting Such Persons Is that Such Persons Have or May Have Committed a Civil Immigration Violation (Resolution No. 123/2005-06)” on May 16, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Carrboro once again, on April 21, 2009, reaffirmed the human rights of all its residents by passing “A Resolution Adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as Guiding Principles (Resolution No. 89/2008-09),” enabling it to be called a "Human Rights City."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mark H. Chilton, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **December 15, 2013**, as “**BILL OF RIGHTS DAY**” in Carrboro and commend this observance to all people.

This the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013

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Lydia Lavelle, Mayor