



PROCLAMATION *of the* TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE

CREEK WEEK CELEBRATION

March 18 - 25, 2023

WHEREAS, the first Creek Week in central North Carolina was observed in the City of Durham in 2009, and is now observed by many local governments across the state; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Creek Weeks, many local governments and organizations across central and eastern North Carolina have conducted Big Sweeps and other efforts to clean up trash in waterways; and

WHEREAS, Regional Creek Week, started by the NC Clean Water Education Partnership in 2021, is a special week set aside where CWEP-affiliated local governments concurrently work together to celebrate and steward local creeks and streams; and

WHEREAS, the City of Durham's Creek Week alone has removed over 160,000 pounds of trash from waterways since the first Creek Week celebration; and

WHEREAS, this impact could be greatly magnified through the collective efforts of additional local governments, organizations and individuals working together to educate about and protect our waterways; and

WHEREAS, creeks, streams, rivers, and other waterways support outdoor recreation, fisheries, healthy lifestyles, and safe drinking water supplies; and

WHEREAS, healthy waterways support biodiversity, natural beauty, and provide critical habitat for aquatic wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Knightdale will celebrate Creek Week with opportunities for the public to engage in Creek Week Litter Sweeps around the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Jessica Day, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Knightdale, do hereby proclaim the third week in March as

CREEK WEEK

in the Town of Knightdale, North Carolina and encourage all citizens to celebrate Creek Week and support efforts to protect our creeks and streams, and further encourage all citizens to steward our waterways to promote the wellbeing of this and future generations.

Jessica Day, Mayor

Heather M. Smith, Town Clerk