



# PROCLAMATION

## Declaring March 24, 2025

### Police Chief Duane Hampton Day

**WHEREAS**, we are here today to celebrate and thank Duane Hampton for over 14 years of phenomenal service as chief of police of the Hillsborough Police Department, which he joined in November 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, advancements during his tenure include implementing practices that have made Hillsborough safer and more welcoming, such as transparency reports, community summits, early adoption of body-worn cameras, and completion of the North Carolina League of Municipalities Shield Services Risk Review, demonstrating adherence to best practices, court decisions, policies and procedures related to high-risk activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Hampton has regularly supported and encouraged efforts by officers to build strong relationships throughout the community at a level rarely seen in police departments and has done so by example; and

**WHEREAS**, the chief has focused in concerning times on listening, being compassionate and prioritizing residents' safety — helping, as a resident said, to stabilize situations and let people know they have been heard; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Hampton has invested his time, vision and focus on supporting the town's officers to ensure they have had the training, support and equipment needed to be successful in serving and protecting all who have lived, worked and visited Hillsborough over the past 14 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Hampton has been a state and national leader in officer safety and training by instructing basic law enforcement cadets in a variety of subjects, was an early instructor and advocate for the Below 100 initiative encouraging officers to incorporate key safety tenants daily to ensure they return home safe, and served as an officer in the police driving instructors association ALERT International and a leader in driver safety efforts in North Carolina through a partnership of the Hillsborough Police Department and the League of Municipalities to start the Slower Is Faster "train the trainer" annual program instructing officers from over 100 agencies since 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, under Chief Hampton's leadership, the Hillsborough Police Department has earned and maintained the confidence and support of the Hillsborough community even during the most challenging times;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark Bell, mayor of the Town of Hillsborough, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2025 as Chief Duane Hampton Day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the Town of Hillsborough to be affixed this 24th day of March in the year 2025.

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Mark Bell, Mayor  
Town of Hillsborough