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Whereas, in 2012, the Clayton Rotary Club started the Clayton Derby Day event and hosted for 3 years until 2015, simultaneous with the popular Kentucky Derby; and

Whereas, May 5, 2018 marks the revival of the Clayton Derby Day, relaunched as Portofino Derby Classic with Johnston Health Foundation as lead proponent, in collaboration with local business and community leaders; and

Whereas, the event will promote the Town of Clayton and Johnston County to the Triangle and Eastern North Carolina, expecting at least 1,000 visitors from neighboring counties and states; and

Whereas, cancer is the 2nd leading cause of death in Johnston County which is 22% of all deaths in 2016 and the 2nd leading significant health need in Johnston County; and

Whereas, education on early screening and access to resources for treatment and support for the underinsured and uninsured is important; and

Whereas, the financial challenges of a patient in need who is diagnosed with cancer is enormous and assistance from individuals and organizations will go a long way; and

Whereas, the net proceeds of the Derby Classic will benefit local cancer patients in need through the Johnston Health Foundation's Angel Fund; and

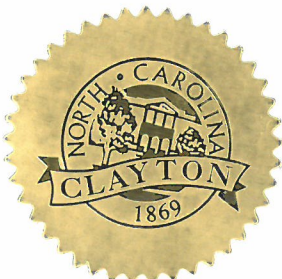
Whereas, the Derby Classic is an opportunity to increase cancer awareness and the growing needs of local cancer patients in need, and to encourage support not just from our county, but from residents in neighboring communities; and

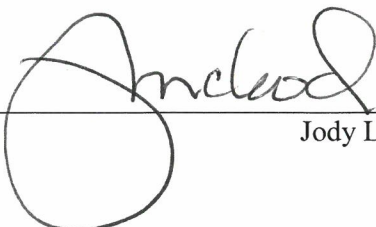
Whereas, the Derby Classic supports the Foundation's mission to "Bridge the gap to provide quality healthcare close to home"; and

Whereas, on this day, we recognize cancer survivors, those battling the disease, their families who are their source of love and encouragement, and applaud the efforts of our medical professionals who provide quality care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Honorable Mayor Jody McLeod and Clayton Town Council do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 5, 2018 as "**CLAYTON DERBY CLASSIC DAY**" and encourage businesses, industries and citizens in the Clayton community to support and participate in this event.

Duly proclaimed this 19th day of March 2018, while in regular session.





Jody L. McLeod
Mayor