

**TOWN OF CLAYTON
PROCLAIMING MAY 4, 2013, AS CLAYTON ROTARY DERBY DAY**

WHEREAS, the inaugural Kentucky Derby was held on May 17, 1875; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Derby takes place on the first Saturday of May in Churchill Downs and is known as "The Run for the Roses"; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton Rotary Clubs desire to bring the pageantry and tradition of the Derby to Clayton; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton Rotary Clubs will hold its second annual Clayton Rotary Derby Day on May 4, 2013, at Portofino Equestrian Neighborhood of Clayton off of NC 42 HWY East; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton Rotary Derby Day will have events for families staged in the paddocks, arenas, and stable of Portofino and offer riding demonstrations and exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton Rotary Derby Day will have social events that include a ladies' hat contest, fashion show, barbeque, mint juleps, and live music; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton Rotary Clubs desire is for the Derby Day to continue as the signature annual fundraising event and to become a major equine event; and

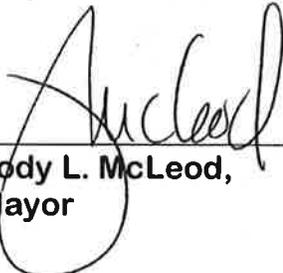
WHEREAS, the Rotary's principal motto is 'Service Above Self;' and

WHEREAS, funds raised during the Clayton Rotary Derby Day will assist in the efforts of awarding scholarships for graduating high school seniors; assist in community efforts such as Serve the Need, Salvation Army, and YMCA; and undertake clean drinking water projects in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clayton is "*The Premier Community for Active Families*" and the Clayton Town Council established as a goal to "Expand Leisure Opportunities."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Honorable Mayor and Clayton Town Council do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 4, 2013, as "**Clayton Rotary Derby Day**" and urge citizens to participate in and support the Clayton Rotary Clubs and the Clayton Rotary Derby Day.

Duly proclaimed this 15th day of April 2013, while in regular session.



Jody L. McLeod,
Mayor