



Proclamation

Mayor Tim Kabat

City of La Crosse

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin was founded in 1842 by Nathan Myrick as a trading post on the confluence of the Mississippi, the La Crosse and the Black Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the City's initial growth period from 1842 to 1857 was spurred primarily by steamboats and river commerce; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse claims the title of "The Foremost Steamboat Town on The Upper Mississippi River", claiming 1,569 steamboat landings in 1857, the peak year of the steamboat trade; and

WHEREAS, the City claims the records of having twice as many steamboats registered and three times as many steamboat pilots licensed in the city than any other river town on the Upper Mississippi during the "Golden Age of Steamboating"; and

WHEREAS, the City retains a 149 year old time capsule of the Glory of the Steamboat Age in the wreck of the steamboat "War Eagle", which burned and sank at dock in La Crosse in May 1870.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM KABAT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2019 as

"WAR EAGLE DAY"

in the City of La Crosse in honor and remembrance of the great and popular steamboat of that name and in recognition of the rich and fascinating steamboat heritage of La Crosse.

Dated on this 11th day of May, Two Thousand Nineteen.



Tim Kabat
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