

# CITY OF WAYNESVILLE



# Proclamation

## IN HONOR OF THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE BYWAY

**WHEREAS**, On July 10, 1990, Governor John Ashcroft signed a bill designating the 307 miles of Route 66 through Missouri as a historic district. Because of the hard work of Pulaski County and Richland native Jim Mitchell, who tirelessly worked with the State Legislature to make this dream a reality, Missouri was the first State to award the Highway historic status; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri's recognition of the *Old Mother Road* contributed greatly to the Route's revival and with Waynesville having the honor of hosting the signing of such a bill makes our City worth honoring, as well. We proudly celebrated the Highway's rebirth then and we continue to celebrate Route 66 now, as we build our town and community around its rich history as the *Birthplace of the Byway*; and

**WHEREAS**, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the State of Missouri and the City of Waynesville's support of such an icon of American Freedom and Spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 observance of this Anniversary provides us an opportunity to celebrate and welcome travelers from all over the world as they revisit or experience for the first time, Historic Route 66's beauty, history and diverse community.

***NOW THEREFORE***, I, **Luge Hardman**, Mayor of the City of Waynesville, Missouri do hereby confer upon the

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*my highest commendation for the manner in which our humble community has recognized the importance of this wonderful Highway, this Route that not only brought us closer as a Nation, but brought us closer to the most wonderful people from all over the world. The City Council invites all citizens to honor our heritage and show their pride for Route 66 and the positive impact it has had on our City's history, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2020.*



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LUGE HARDMAN, MAYOR

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TRACY YORK, DEPUTY CITY CLERK