



CITY OF HARRISONBURG
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THE MAYOR**

MAYOR DEANNA REED

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PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DAY

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonburg is home to residents speaking more than 50 first languages and has established itself as a *Welcoming City* that celebrates the growing diversity of its residents,

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Harrisonburg strive to forge meaningful connections amongst neighbors from diverse backgrounds towards common goals and for the common good,

WHEREAS, we recognize that our City grows stronger and more resilient by embracing our different cultural traditions, encouraging dialogue, and building bridges of mutual understanding,

WHEREAS, each of the distinct cultural traditions of our residents plays an important role in weaving the fabric of this City,

WHEREAS, the Harrisonburg International Festival has celebrated the unique and rich cultural heritage of the City's residents every September for more than two decades,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR DEANNA R. REED, CITY OF HARRISONBURG, do hereby proclaim the Fourth Saturday in September from this point forward as International Community Day.

GIVEN under my hand this ____ day of September, 2022.

BY: _____
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk