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## **PROCLAMATION**

### **“IT’S OUR FOX RIVER DAY – A WATERSHED WIDE CELEBRATION”**

**WHEREAS**, The Fox River was central to the lives of native Americans inhabiting the Fox River Valley in Wisconsin and Illinois for millennia, providing an abundance of food and water to wildlife and those native populations, and;

**WHEREAS**, The Fox River was the central to the lives of early settlers of the Fox River Valley, providing a source of water and power to mill the grains to feed those settlers, saw the lumber to shelter those settlers, and drive the early machinery which formed the commercial and industrial base that gave first growth to our community, and;

**WHEREAS**, The Fox River, once a fine fishery, became burdened with the uncontrolled discharge of industrial, commercial and municipal wastes, with the resulting pollution threatening the health and welfare of all populations of the Fox River, including human and wildlife, and;

**WHEREAS**, sustained and increasingly diligent and effective efforts have been made over the past century to reduce and eliminate pollution and changes to our river’s natural shorelines, and;

**WHEREAS**, The Fox River has been largely freed from its burden of pollution and once again has become a safe source of recreation with its fish and wildlife population in clear recovery;

**And WHEREAS**, the City of Waukesha recognizes the historic, present and future value of this unique and precious natural resource to our community, and all other communities within and beyond the Fox River Valley.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, Wisconsin do hereby proclaim

#### **It’s Our Fox River Day**

in the City of Waukesha, the third Saturday of September, this year and every year thereafter and support events, public and private, that honor and celebrate the life and well-being of the Fox River for us to share now, and with generations to come.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022

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Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor  
City of Waukesha