

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, in late 1845, Amos Adams Lawrence, a Boston textiles merchant and philanthropist, would initiate the founding of an institution of learning with the vision of “improving the morals and the standard of education in [the] vicinity” of the Fox River Valley with a \$10,000 grant; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence’s commissioned representatives ultimately selected the location of Lawrence University along the “Grand Chute” of the Fox River on land purchased from the Menominee tribe, located on the ancestral homelands of the Menominee and Ho-Chunk people and home to the present-day City of Appleton; and

WHEREAS, upon selecting the site for the new institution, Henry Colman wrote Lawrence saying, “In beauty of scenery, fertility of soil, and the opportunity offered for fine farming country around the institution, it exceeds by far any other site on the river;” and

WHEREAS, chartered by the Wisconsin Territorial Legislature in 1847, the Lawrence Institute of Wisconsin – one of the first co-educational colleges in the United States – quickly became a driver of significant growth and activity in the area that would become the City of Appleton, which was named for the family of Amos Lawrence’s wife, Sarah Appleton Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton and Lawrence University share an inextricable connection; neither would exist in its present form without the other, and Lawrence University has contributed to the development, culture, education, and quality of the City of Appleton in myriad ways through its comprehensive liberal arts and sciences curriculum, conservatory of music, and the extracurricular engagements of its students, faculty, and staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, and proud Lawrence University alumnus, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 14, 2022, as

Lawrence University 175th Anniversary Day

in Appleton and encourage residents to celebrate the benefits of being home to the institution Amos Lawrence called “a great and good work,” and to look forward to generations of partnerships to come.



Signed and sealed this 10th day of May 2022.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON