

PROCLAMATION

Special Recognition of The Hudson Players' 75th Anniversary Season

WHEREAS, The Hudson Players was originally organized in the 1920s and performed periodically throughout the 20s and 30s at the Western Reserve Academy Chapel to benefit the independent Hudson Primary School, until the group's existence ended in the late 1930s; and

WHEREAS, The Hudson Players Guild, was officially formed in 1945 by Glad Lewis and eight other dedicated Hudsonites in Saywell's Drug Store and performed its first production, *Fireman, Save My Child*, inside the Historic Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, performances continued at Town Hall until The Hudson Players moved to a new home in the fall of 1980 at the Barlow Community Center, where they have since completed numerous building expansions and improvements and produce some of the highest quality community theater in the area; and

WHEREAS, since its 1945 season, The Hudson Players has produced more than 225 performances, spanning 75 continuous years of theater in Hudson, and attracts approximately 4,000 people each year to enjoy community theater and support our local merchants and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, The Hudson Players is one of the longest running, all-volunteer theater groups in northern Ohio, and

WHEREAS, The Hudson Players will kick off their 75th Anniversary Season on November 1st with the hilarious comedy, *Noises Off*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David A. Basil, Mayor of the City of Hudson, Ohio, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2019, as

"THE HUDSON PLAYERS DAY"

in Hudson, and I urge all residents to acknowledge the significant contributions of The Hudson Players and to enjoy our local community theater during its 75th Anniversary Season.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 15th day of October, 2019.

David A. Basil, Mayor City of Hudson, Ohio