

PROCLAMATION

Special Recognition of Sunshine Week

WHEREAS, James Madison, often regarded as a principal architect of our Federal Constitution, wrote that "consent of the governed" requires that people be able to "arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives"; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the authority of government at all levels is derived from the citizens, every citizen has an inherent right to access open government meetings and public records; and

WHEREAS, open and accessible discussion by government officials during public meetings is vital to establishing and maintaining the people's trust and confidence in their government and in the government's ability to effectively serve its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the protection of every person's right to access public records and open government meetings is a high priority of the City of Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson is committed to open dialogue and transparency in all aspects of its operations and seeks to be a model community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher W. Foster, Acting Mayor of the City of Hudson, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of March 13 through 19, 2022 as

"Sunshine Week"

in Hudson, acknowledging the City's commitment throughout the year to work diligently to provide public access to government records and information and to ensure that all meetings of deliberative bodies under its jurisdiction, and their committees, are fully noticed and open to the public.

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I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 1st day of March, 2022.

Christopher W. Foster, Acting Mayor City of Hudson, Ohio