



## **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, David A. Basil, Mayor of the City of Hudson, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of March 11 through 17, 2018 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.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF:**

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

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David A. Basil, Mayor  
City of Hudson, Ohio