

*Believe in Lansing*

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** On behalf of the City of Lansing it is a pleasure to join with the American Postal Workers Union - Central Michigan Area Local in celebration of its 240<sup>th</sup> birthday. On July 26, 1775 the United States Post Office (USPS) Department was established by an act of the Second Continental Congress, which also appointed the first Postmaster General, Benjamin Franklin; and

**WHEREAS:** The Postal Reorganization Act, as amended states, "The United States Postal Service shall be operated as a basic and fundamental service provided to the people by the Government of the United States, authorized by the Constitution, created by Act of Congress, and supported by the people. The postal service shall have as its basic function the obligation to provide postal services to bind the Nation together through the personal, educational, literary, and business correspondence of the people. It shall provide prompt, reliable, and efficient services to patrons in all areas and shall render postal services to all communities"; and

**WHEREAS:** Throughout its long history the postal service has been an important part of the infrastructure of the nation, linking individuals in personal ways as well as providing a service vital for commerce. The postal service insures that that every person in the United States can engage in the democratic right to communicate regardless of geographic location, economic status, race, nationality, creed, religion, sex, gender identity or age; and

**WHEREAS:** Post office buildings are prominent landmarks in many cities and towns. Many of the buildings are architectural icons and others contain historic artwork. Most of these post offices serve as hubs that bind communities together. Furthermore, the postal service employs more minorities and women than any other employer in the country as well as being the largest employer of veterans; and

**WHEREAS:** Today the United States Postal Service is an essential public asset that serves a vital role in the economic, civic, and cultural enrichment of our communities and services 153 million addresses a day, delivering letters, packages, medicines, magazines, catalogs, greeting cards and bill payments. Even during the eCommerce revolution the postal service is as vital as ever.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Virg Bernero, Mayor of the City of Lansing, by the power vested in me do hereby proclaim July 26, 2015 as:

**"The 240<sup>th</sup> Annual Postal Heritage Day"**

in Lansing. I encourage residents to salute the postal workers who are proud to serve the American people, day in and day out, through rain, shine, sleet or snow.

Given under my hand  
and seal this twenty-  
sixth day of July in  
the year of our Lord  
two thousand and  
fifteen.



Virg Bernero  
Mayor of Lansing

