



CITY OF WARD

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CHARLES GASTINEAU
MAYOR

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PROCLAMATION - 2022 NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING

- WHEREAS:** Just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of the City of Ward, Arkansas, and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and
- WHEREAS:** We must all work earnestly to create courageous and supportive environments that acknowledge the traumatic past; promote the healing of the wounds created by racial and ethnic bias; and build an equitable and just society so that all City of Wards, Arkansas children can thrive; and
- WHEREAS:** Children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that do not violate their safety, dignity, and humanity and
- WHEREAS:** Every single person has the opportunity to exhibit an act of kindness to make a simple change within him or herself that can have a profound effect on an entire society; and
- WHEREAS:** If we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing, and transformation, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel this great city forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; and
- WHEREAS:** Racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental, and overall well-being of all citizens in the City of Ward, particularly it's children; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Ward, Arkansas, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, hereby acknowledges Tuesday, January, 18, 2022, as the "National Day of Racial Healing," and urges all citizens to promote racial healing and transformation in the ways that are best suited for them individually, as a means of working together to ensure the best quality of life for every child;

NOW THEREFORE, I CHARLES GASTINEAU, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the law of the State of Arkansas and Ordinances of the City of Ward, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim January 18, 2022, as **NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HELAING IN THE CITY OF WARD, LONOKE ARKANSAS.**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Ward, Arkansas to be affixed.



Charles K. Gastineau, Mayor

