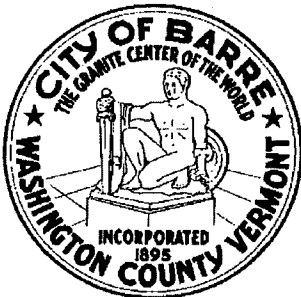


**CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT  
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
THE 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BARRE LIONS CLUB**

- WHEREAS, the Lions Clubs International's good deeds and fraternal camaraderie began in 1917 when Chicago business leader, Melvin Jones, urged his colleagues to address the betterment of their communities and the world; and
- WHEREAS, a pivotal moment in the Lions Clubs International's history occurred in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed its convention, and her speech motivated the organization to devote its resources to aid the blind and visually impaired, including the provision of eyeglasses and the establishment of special recreational camps for both children and adults with visual challenges; and
- WHEREAS, in 1938, a group of local businesspeople came together with the purpose of finding ways to support those in need in the community and formed the Barre Lions Club; and
- WHEREAS, in more recent years, Lions Clubs International's "One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative" has become a special objective in a financial partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and
- WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International, now the world's largest service organization, includes 35 local Lions Clubs in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS, Lions Clubs in Vermont are providing free vision screening to 16,000 children during the current school year and other sight-related services such as eyeglass recycling and obtaining eyeglasses; and
- WHEREAS, the Barre Lions Club has supported the vision testing program in Washington County averaging over 3600 students tested a year and provides glasses annually to over 100 community members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as Barre Lions Club Day in the City of Barre and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact made by members of the Barre Lions Club in the City of Barre and our community.



*Lucas J. Herring*  
Lucas J. Herring, Mayor