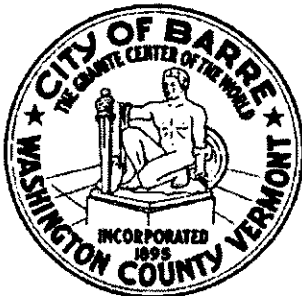


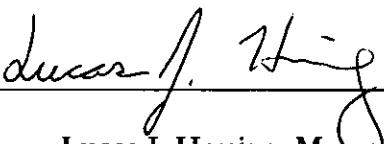
**CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE VERMONT GRANITE MUSEUM**

- WHEREAS, over 300 community members gathered and agreed to found the Vermont Granite Museum of Barre, which was recognized in 1994 as #1 priority in an economic development plan by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development; and
- WHEREAS, the Vermont Granite Museum has received grants and support from Federal, State, and City, and a tremendous amount of in-kind donation from community members and businesses including a City of Barre municipal bond in 2000; and
- WHEREAS, the Pinsley Depot was bought and restored by the Vermont Granite Museum to emphasize the relation of the train line and its impact on the granite industry; and
- WHEREAS, the Vermont Granite Museum has partnered with social clubs, businesses, international stone groups, and naturalists to be a resource for education with school groups, universities, scouting, artists and industry; and
- WHEREAS, a Community Forum in 2012 reconfirmed support for the Vermont Granite Museum that sparked the employment of a full-time Executive Director to maintain regular open hours, a collection of exhibits, and recreations for families; and
- WHEREAS, the Vermont Granite Museum, supported by over 40 volunteers and a growing list of student interns participating in Workforce Development with the State of Vermont, hosts over 6000 visitors annually and is regularly hosting conferences, weddings, tours, and scholars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim May 14th, 2019, as Vermont Granite Museum Day in the City of Barre and encourage residents to recognize the efforts made to restore a historic and blighted property through community support over the past 25 years of its development.





Lucas J. Herring, Mayor