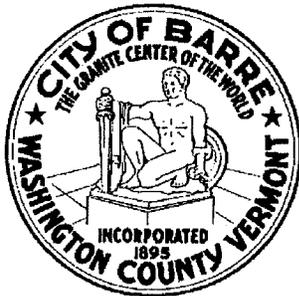


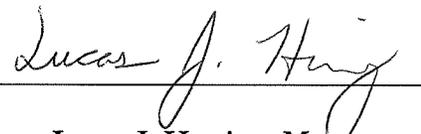
**CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT  
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VERMONT PHILHARMONIC**

- WHEREAS, In 1959, Jon Borowicz, Professor of Music at Norwich University collaborated with the Ladies Reading Circle to combine a symphony orchestra of amateur musicians with a Statewide contest for community achievement, to perform Handel's "Messiah" in front of nearly 1000 at the Norwich Armory; and
- WHEREAS, In 1960, The Vermont Philharmonic was incorporated as a nonprofit organization and was chartered by the State of Vermont as a cultural and educational institution; and
- WHEREAS, In 1964, the Young Vermont Artists Series was instituted to help inspire and train young performers to become the professionals of tomorrow and to promote music opportunities to talented young musicians; and
- WHEREAS, In 1976, the Philharmonic established the Sue Boyer (Donnell) Music Scholarship in appreciation of her untold hours of dedication, which, following the death of Jon Borowicz, the scholarship was renamed in memory of the founder; and
- WHEREAS, Since 1999, under the direction of Louis Kosma, the Philharmonic has expanded their schedule to include performances in multiple venues throughout central and northern Vermont adding the annual Family Concert in cooperation with the Green Mountain Youth Symphony; and
- WHEREAS, The Vermont Philharmonic expanded from the fifteen adult amateur musicians who signed the Articles of Association to more than 60 musicians currently.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim October 21st, 2018, as Vermont Philharmonic Day, honoring Vermont's oldest community orchestra residing at the Barre Opera House since it reopened in 1993 and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact that its Directors, Conductors and Musician have made on dreaming and inspiring performers, both young and old.



  
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Lucas J. Herring, Mayor