

CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE LIFE OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

- WHEREAS, Joan Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a trailblazer for women in the United States, specifically within the field of law, as demonstrated by her being one of only 9 women in her class at Harvard Law School, being the first woman to be on both the Harvard Law Review and Columbia Law Review, becoming a professor at Rutgers Law School and the first woman tenured at Columbia Law School; and
- WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was faced with, and overcame, serious stigmatization because of her gender, having once been denied a clerkship in the Supreme Court for the explicit reason that she was a woman, and being paid less than half of what her male colleagues at Rutgers Law School were paid; and
- WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg led a long and noble life in the pursuit of justice, gender equality, women's rights, and equity, winning many arguments before the Supreme Court including successful expansion the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution to women; and
- WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, where she served until her appointment an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1993 until 2020; and
- WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg was the second woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court after Sandra Day O'Connor and the first Jewish woman to sit on the court; and
- WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg's body of work as a Supreme Court Justice has definitively and positively impacted the lives of women forever in the United States, including her dissent in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear* calling on congress to amend Title VII, which lead to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act; and
- WHEREAS, On September 18th, 2020, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away at the age of 87 in Washington, D.C. after serving on the Supreme Court for 27 years from complications of metastatic pancreatic cancer, and was the first woman and first Jewish person to lie in state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim September 26th, 2020, as the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day in the City of Barre in honor of the tremendous impact Justice Ginsburg had on the United States, in honor of her years of service, and legacy in American history.



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