

**CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT  
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
BARRE GRANITE ASSOCIATION'S 130<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, in 1889, fourteen Barre area granite manufactures met to plan for the Barre granite industry's first major trade show, called the World's Columbian Exposition, and to form the Granite Manufacturers Association of Barre; and

WHEREAS, the association exhibited in 1893 at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, which drew an estimated 27 million people during its six-month run, equating to nearly one-third of the U.S. population at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Barre granite industry grew exponentially after the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago and received an order to block cut by hand to exacting specifications 10 million paving stones for the city of Troy, New York; and

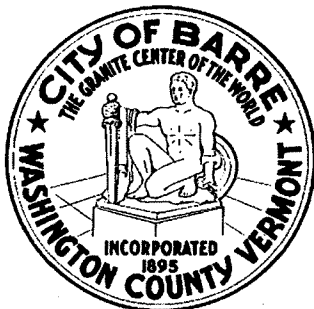
WHEREAS, the Granite Manufacturers Association of Barre merged with the quarriers in 1931 to form the Granite Manufacturers and Quarriers Association, which was rename to the Barre Granite Association in 1932; and

WHEREAS, the Barre Granite Association's members have contributed immensely to the growth of Barre, as well as its diverse mixture of cultures, and has become recognized internationally as the premier source of the world's finest granite, granite art and artisans; and

WHEREAS, the Barre Granite Association's members continue to provide high-paying jobs and contribute over \$100 million dollars of annual sales to Vermont's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Barre Granite Association has become one of the oldest and most respected trade associations in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2019, as Barre Granite Association Day in the City of Barre and encourage residents to recognize the efforts made to promote Barre's granite industry internationally.



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