

RESOLUTION 2023-12

Declaring June 17, 2023 as the 350th Expedition Anniversary of Louis Jolliet and Father Jacques Marquette in the city of Prairie du Chien.

WHEREAS, The City of Prairie du Chien wish to recognize the 350th Anniversary of Louis Jolliet and Father Jacques Marquette’s arrival to this area on June 17, 1673; and

WHEREAS, Through their expedition in 1673, Louis Jolliet and Father Jacques Marquette became the first Old World Europeans to set foot upon the then uncharted path of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, Louis Jolliet and Father Jacques Marquette’s effort laid the groundwork for the cartographic documentation of this exploratory expedition; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize the historical significance of this expedition and to emphasize the importance of the cultural heritage of the First Nations that already inhabited this area where the rivers merge; and

WHEREAS, Louis Jolliet and Father Jacques Marquette’s peaceful cooperation and trade with Native Americans established a longstanding tradition of commerce and economic development while securing this location as a hub of heritage and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Through the original expedition of Louis Jolliet and Father Jacques Marquette the history of the world changed by establishing a water route to the heartland of our county; and

WHEREAS, Additional information on the history of the original expedition and a list of scheduled events for the Marquette and Jolliet 350th Expedition Anniversary is available on the website expedition350.com.

NOW THEREFORE, I, David Hemmer, as Mayor of the City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 17, 2023 as Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet 350th Expedition Anniversary Day in the City of Prairie du Chien, and I urge all citizens to celebrate and support the observance of this historical event and recognize how our history was changed by this event.

Adopted this 6th day of June, 2023

By a vote of: _____ in favor, _____ against, and _____ abstain.

David Hemmer, Mayor of the City of Prairie du Chien

Chad Abram, City Administrator