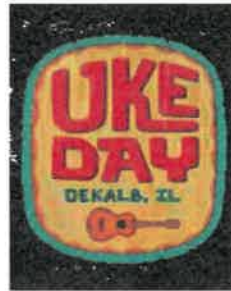




PROCLAMATION



Uke Day DeKalb August 13, 2023

WHEREAS, the ukulele is known as the world's happiest instrument and is enjoyable for beginners and advanced players alike; and

WHEREAS, the ukulele remains a very popular instrument, with more than 1,700,000 ukuleles sold annually in the United States of America*; and

WHEREAS, the ukulele continues its decades-long inclusion in our culture and is of historic importance**; and

WHEREAS, playing the ukulele improves physical well-being, increases eye-hand coordination, relieves stress and boosts the immune system***; and

WHEREAS, playing the ukulele has immense social benefits, bringing people together, providing both a common source of enjoyment and shared learning experience; and

WHEREAS, the ukulele appeals to multiple generations, is affordable and is physically accessible to many; and

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of Uke Day in DeKalb is to bring people together who love the ukulele, to have fun, and to build community; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb has never held a city-wide ukulele event.

THEREFORE, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor, declare August 13, 2023, as official "Uke Day" in the City of DeKalb, Illinois.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 24th day of July 2023.


Cohen Barnes, Mayor

*www.statista.com/statistics/448450/number-of-ukuleles-sold-in-the-us; **americanhistory.si.edu/blog/5-things-you-probably-didnt-know-about-ukulele; ***www.wlrm.org/health-care/2016-05-25/the-unexpected-healing-power-of-the-ukulele