

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
RESOLUTION 2023-78**

CELEBRATING A SEASON OF GIVING IN THE VILLAGE

WHEREAS, the Village of Yellow Springs is a diverse community uniting many traditions such as, but not limited to, Hannukah, Christmas, Kwanza, Bodhi, Winter Solstice, Yule, Boxing Day, Zarathosht Diso, and New Year's Eve, and

WHEREAS, the unifying spirit of this season is one of giving to one other, and giving back to our community, as exemplified by one of the Village's most recognized benefactors, Wheeling Gaunt, and

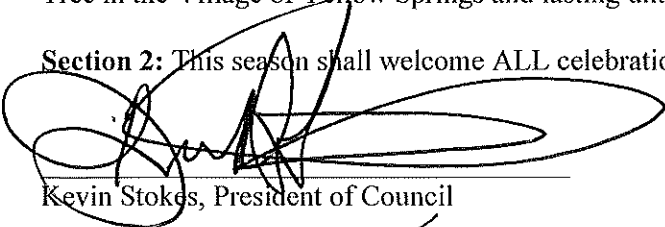
WHEREAS, after purchasing his freedom from enslavement and moving to the Village, Wheeling Gaunt not only purchased the freedom of members of his family, he also left a legacy to the Village in bequeathing the property for what is now Gaunt Park for use by the community, directing any profit from sale of crops on the land to the annual purchase of 25 pounds of flour during the Christmas season to "the poor, worthy widows of Yellow Springs. . . regardless of their race", and

WHEREAS, as the holiday season approaches and we think of ways we can share our love and concern for all members of this community, it is fitting that we honor the memory of Wheeling Gaunt and the spirit of his gift in the manner he intended,

**NOW, THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:**

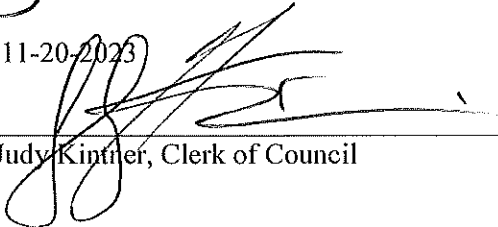
Section 1: A season of holiday celebration is hereby declared, starting with the lighting of the Holiday Tree in the Village of Yellow Springs and lasting until the dropping of the New Year Ball.

Section 2: This season shall welcome ALL celebrations of faith and tradition.



Kevin Stokes, President of Council

Passed: 11-20-2023

Attest: 

Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

Roll Call:

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