



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, a local independent grocery store has served as a vital downtown anchor business since 1886 in this same location, owned by the Mason Lodge 421,

Whereas, Tom Gray worked at Weavers and Tom's Market for 57 years, starting at Weaver's in 1975. Tom and Evelyn Gray purchased Weaver's and renamed it Tom's Market in 2001, going on to own Tom's Market for 21 years,

Whereas, Jeff Gray purchased the store from his father in 2022 and has served as owner for 4 years, ensuring that Tom's continued despite the increasingly competitive grocery landscape,

Whereas, Jeff Gray worked with the Yellow Springs Community Foundation to accept food vouchers and support community members experiencing food insecurity,

Whereas, the Gray family has provided over 25 years of local investment and grocery leadership in the Yellow Springs community. Tom's Market has employed hundreds of local residents, invested in local businesses and vendors, and supported Yellow Springs' vibrant downtown community,

NOW THEREFORE: I, Steve McQueen, Mayor of Yellow Springs, Ohio, do hereby proclaim June 16, 2026 as

GRAY FAMILY DAY

in recognition of the tremendous contributions of the Gray family over six decades of involvement and leadership in the local community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Office of Mayor of the Village of Yellow Springs to be affixed on this 16th day of June, 2026.



Mayor Steve McQueen II
Steve McQueen II, Mayor
Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio