



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
**ROBERT M. TRAINOR**

*The*  
**Golden Rule**  
*City*

## Christian Heritage Week Proclamation

**Whereas**, the Preamble to the U.S. Declaration of Independence declares “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”; and

**Whereas**, the Preamble to the Constitution of West Virginia declares, “Since through Divine Providence we enjoy the blessings of civil, political, and religious liberty, we, the people of West Virginia reaffirm our faith in and constant reliance upon God”; and

**Whereas**, our nation’s first President, George Washington, issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation “to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer be observed by acknowledging with grateful heart the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness;” and

**Whereas**, on October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln renewed this tradition by declaring beginning on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, the fourth Thursday of every November thereafter would be considered an official U.S. holiday of Thanksgiving; and

**Whereas**, Thanksgiving week marks the twenty-ninth consecutive Christian Heritage Week in West Virginia; thus, continuing a tradition of annual proclamations beginning with Governor Gaston Caperton in 1992 and continuing through Governor Jim Justice’s latest proclamation of June 20<sup>th</sup> 2020.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Robert M. Trainor, as Mayor of Charles Town, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim the week of November 22<sup>nd</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 as

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In the City of

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and invite all citizens, local churches, businesses, and institutions of learning to join me in this observance each in their own way.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Charles Town, West Virginia to be affixed this fifth day of October, two thousand twenty.



  
Robert M. Trainor

  
Daryl Hennessy  
City Clerk