



## P R O C L A M A T I O N

**WHEREAS**, every year the date of May 5 is observed to commemorate the Mexican army's unlikely victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862; and

**WHEREAS**, originating in the 1860s with Mexican-American communities in the American West, Southwest and Northwest, the American Cinco de Mayo holiday began as a way to commemorate the cause of freedom and democracy during the first years of the Civil War; and

**WHEREAS**, today in the United States, Cinco de Mayo is observed annually on May 5 as a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride; and

**WHEREAS**, Cinco de Mayo celebrations in the United States have taken on a significance beyond that in Mexico, including the displaying of banners and events highlighting Mexican culture, music, and regional dancing, as well as school districts holding special events to educate students about its historical significance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arkansas City Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board — in cooperation with 1025 The River, the Northwest Community Center Advisory Board, Visit Ark City, and other local sponsors — will be host to the annual Tacolalah Festival on **Saturday, May 2, 2026**, at Wilson Park, featuring dancing, food, games, music, and more from Mexico and several other Latino countries.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim **May 2, 2026**, as

### **CINCO DE MAYO DAY**

in Arkansas City, and encourage all citizens of the City of Arkansas City to observe Cinco de Mayo by participating in the annual Tacolalah Festival, and other appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

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TAD STOVER, MAYOR  
April 7, 2026