



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Volunteers working with young people who are our joy of today and are our hope for tomorrow, are exuberant representatives of the potential to be reached and dreams to come true. They are also unbounded in their enthusiasm to use their own talent, skills, and hard work to make a difference in others' lives, and;

WHEREAS, Members of Optimist International will celebrate **OPTIMIST DAY** throughout the world the first Thursday of every February to promote their efforts in helping and reorganizing the young people that make a difference in their communities and who will encourage a greater exchange of ideas between young people and adults, and;

WHEREAS, There are 2,400 Optimist Clubs, with more than 70,000 Members, in Optimist International and Optimist members throughout the world that carry out more than 6,500 service projects that serve six million young people a year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jay Warren, Mayor of Arkansas City, KS, issue this proclamation declaring the first Thursday of every February as,

OPTIMIST DAY

in the City of Arkansas City. May this day instill pride in our city's Optimists for all of their accomplishments and for the impact they have to truly make a difference in others' lives.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed:

*Jay Warren, Mayor
Date: February 6, 2024*