

Town of Cottage City, Maryland

# Proclamation

Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

November 14, 2025

**WHEREAS**, on November 14, 1960, six-year-old Ruby Bridges courageously became the first Black student to integrate an all-white elementary school in the South, attending William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Ruby Bridges' bravery in the face of adversity became a defining moment in the American Civil Rights Movement and inspired generations to continue the pursuit of equality and justice for all; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cottage City recognizes the importance of teaching our children about the power of courage, kindness, and perseverance in overcoming injustice; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Ruby Bridges Foundation continues to promote the values of respect, inclusion, and community engagement that reflect the principles upon which our town is built; **and**

**WHEREAS**, students, families, educators, and community members across the nation participate in Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day to honor Ruby's legacy and reaffirm our shared commitment to diversity, unity, and equal opportunity in education;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Cottage City Commission of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2025, as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day in Cottage City, and encourage all residents to participate in this observance by joining together in the spirit of unity, respect, and hope for a more equitable future.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Cottage City to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2025.

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Wanda Wheatley,  
Commissioner Chair, Ward 3  
Town of Cottage City

