



# TWO RIVERS

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## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY 22, 2023 AS BRYAN LEE DAY IN THE CITY OF TWO RIVERS

**WHEREAS**, Bryan Lee, a.k.a. the Braille Blues Daddy, Blind Giant of the Blues, a New Orleans Blues Institution, was born March 16, 1943 in the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin and passed away at the age of 77 on August 21, 2020 in Sarasota, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Bryan Lee made the world a better place by dedicating his life to, and sharing, his God-given musical talent and love of early rock and blues, living by the creed that "A gift is not a gift unless you share it;" and

**WHEREAS**, Bryan Lee began performing professionally at the age of 13 in his hometown of Two Rivers, and continued playing all over the world, touring in the Midwest, Eastern Seaboard, Rocky Mountain States, Canada, Europe and Brazil until the year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Bryan Lee recorded 18 albums over 4 decades, bookended by 1979's *Beauty Isn't Always Visual* and 2018's *Sanctuary*, appearing on various labels that included Justin Time, Severn Records and Earrelevant Records; and

**WHEREAS**, Bryan Lee's achievements included a 2011 Grammy nomination with Kenny Wayne Shepherd, 2008 German Critics Award for Outstanding Blues for "Katrina Was Her Name," 2011 BMA Blues Rock Album of the Year, 2015 Big City Rhythm and Blues Lifetime Achievement Award, 2016 Legendary Blues Artist - Blues Hall of Fame, 2016 Legendary Blues Artist - Florida Blues Hall of Fame, 2017 WAMI Lifetime Achievement Award, 2018 Phoenix Radio Lifetime Achievement Award, and numerous Blues Societies Awards; and

**WHEREAS**, Bryan Lee was a remarkable soul who greeted each day with gratitude, optimism, and humble joy for all his blessings and gave immeasurable musical enjoyment to his legion of worldwide fans;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Two Rivers, declares July 22, 2023, the date of the third annual Bryan Lee Memorial Blues Festival, as:

### BRYAN LEE DAY

in the City of Two Rivers and urges all citizens and visitors to join in the full slate of activities planned for that day, to celebrate the gifts of this talented son of Two Rivers as his music continues to enrich the soundtrack of our lives.

**Dated this 5th day of July, 2023.**

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Councilmember

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Gregory E. Buckley  
City Manager