



**RESOLUTION SALUTING HEART-A-RAMA
ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR
AND WELCOMING THE EVENT BACK TO
THE J.E. HAMILTON COMMUNITY HOUSE
AFTER A TWO -YEAR HIATUS**

WHEREAS, HEART-A-RAMA was created in 1971 in Manitowoc by a group of special friends to benefit the American Heart Association of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the first year required giving tickets away in taverns at 2:00 am to amass an audience for a one weekend performance that raised \$1300; and

WHEREAS, more than 200 volunteer actors, directors, writers, stage crew, musicians, lighting technicians, vendors and others contribute thousands of hours each year to produce HEART-A-RAMA, to bring this evening of parody and slapstick entertainment to our area, all in the interest of making a most worthwhile contribution to the fight against heart disease; and

WHEREAS, along with the numerous volunteers, area businesses have supported HEART-A-RAMA by providing supplies used behind the scenes, and by donating, or by selling at cost, food, refreshments, candy, flowers, jewelry etc; and

WHEREAS, HEART-A-RAMA has entertained 105,490 residents of the area over the 50 years of fundraising; and

WHEREAS, HEART-A-RAMA stands alone as a fundraiser in auctioning autographed toilet seats, to date raising over \$100,000.00, and proudly having them displayed in area businesses; and

WHEREAS, funds from HEART-A-RAMA have provided area schools, churches, Law enforcement agencies, fire departments, non profit organizations, public buildings and more with automated external defibrillators, AED, at no cost; and

WHEREAS, HEART-A-RAMA has reached the \$2.9 million mark in fund-raising, since beginning in 1971, to help in the battle against heart disease; and

WHEREAS, after 50 years in the Lakeshore, HEART-A-RAMA will return to the stage of the historic J.E. Hamilton Community House, its home since 2008, following a two year ‘Pandemic Pause;’

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, on behalf of the citizens and businesses of Two Rivers, does hereby extend wishes of WELCOME BACK and CONGRATULATIONS to the organizers and many volunteers of Heart-a-rama, on the return of this Manitowoc County institution for a deferred 50th anniversary shoe.

Approved this 25th day of April, 2022.

Council Member

Gregory E. Buckley, City Manager