



GREENWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

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August 1, 2024

Dear Honorable Ken Epperson, Caddo Parish Commissioner District 12:

REFERENCE: Request for a Proclamation or Resolution in celebration of the 20TH Anniversary of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Annual Pioneer Days Heritage Pancake Breakfast

You may mail it to: Josephine Birdsong-Robinson, GCC Secretary, 8397 Belle Oaks Circle, Greenwood LA 71033 or let us know that you plan to attend or you will be sending a representative to present it. Chamber phone is (318)936-4673.

The Celebration will begin on Friday, September 20, 2024, from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. in the X William Peters Town Park through Saturday, September 21, 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

PLEASE
REPLY BY
Sept. 7, 2024

INFORMATION FOR THE PROCLAMATION OR RESOLUTION

The first pancake breakfast was held on September 17, 2004, in the William Peters Town Park Pioneer Building when the founders Harvey and Rita Allen along with Shelton and Wanda Simpson came up with the idea to have a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings to raise money to help the Town of Greenwood, even though they provided all the food and supplies. This was a pay as you go event.

Cake mixers were used to mix the pancake batter each year until they were able to borrow a large mixer. Grills were rented until they had sufficient funds to purchase an inventory of three (3) grills and other needed equipment.

To strive to list all the volunteers for the past 20 years would be like writing a novel. The founders were smart businessmen and committed to the town's growth and development.

The founders were members of the Greenwood Development Alliance. In 2007, Harvey Allen became the president and worked diligently in establishing the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce with full membership in the U. S. Chamber of Commerce which enabled it to become a 501©(6) organization. The chamber has grown to be an active engaged entity that organizes and supports community events and is committed to a greater role in the growth of Greenwood.

Sincerely,

Mark Garner,
GCC President, Executive Board and Board of Directors



TOWN OF GREENWOOD

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Justin Davis
MAYOR

Tiffany Gaar
TOWN CLERK

August 13, 2024

Dear Honorable Ken Epperson, Caddo Parish Commissioner District 12:

REFERENCE: Request for a Proclamation in Celebration of the 50TH Year
Anniversary of the Town of Greenwood Annual Pioneer Heritage Days
Festival

Please call to let Mayor Justin Davis know that you plan to attend, or you will be sending a representative to present it, or you will be mailing it to him at: Mayor Justin Davis, 9381 Greenwood LA 71033. His phone number is (318)617-6294 (cell), or Town Hall (318) 938-7261 Option#8. Please reply by September 7, 2024.

The Kick Off Celebration will be on Friday, September 20, 2024, from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. in the William Peters Town Park. Proclamations will be presented on Friday night. Activities will continue through Saturday, September 21, 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

INFORMATION FOR THE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Town of Greenwood LA was officially founded in 1839 and started the Annual Pioneer Heritage Days Festival in September of 1974. September 21, 2024 ,will be the 50th Year, which is 600 months, 2,609 weeks, 18,262 days, 438,291 hours, and 26,297,460 minutes since its beginning.

WHEREAS, volunteers formed the Pioneer Club, renovated the old fire station for meetings, named it the Pioneer Building, and used it for various activities during the festival. It is still being used for the annual pancake breakfast, meetings, and seasonal activities.

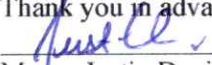
WHEREAS, in 2008, the Annual Pioneer Heritage Days Festival was given to the Town of Greenwood to organize and present the festival each year. However, it was delayed for two years due to COVID-19, but as of September 2023 it started growing again.

BE IT RESOLVED, that it has been revived in order to give the residents and visitors a chance to reminisce about the town's history dating to the 1860s- how it has grown from a bustling trading post, from wagon stops, from a train stop for loading cattle and pulp wood onto trains, to a town with growth in residents, increased businesses for its citizens and a progressive future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, we join with the Town of Greenwood in this historic event, the 50th Anniversary of the Annual Pioneer Heritage Days Festival.

In Witness thereof, I have hereto set my hand and caused this seal of the _____

Thank you in advance for your reply,



Mayor Justin Davis, Town of Greenwood

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District #1

Jerry Steele
District #2

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District #3

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District #4

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