

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* Organized in 1874 in Darrowville, Ohio, The Darrow Street Grange #751 is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The Grange is a family oriented, community service, fraternal organization with its roots in agriculture; and,
- Whereas,* With the assistance of Deputy W. Williamson from Portage County, the farmers from the Stow/Hudson area met at the Darrowville schoolhouse in 1874 to begin organizing the Darrow Street Grange #751. The fee to join was 50 cents for women and \$3 for men. Charter members included individuals from the Call, Chamberlain, Croy, Danforth, Darrow, Dewey, Dunbar, Meloy, Peck, Sweet, Thompson, and Williamson families; and,
- Whereas,* The first Master was Mr. M.D. Call, great, great grandfather of current Stow members Howard Call and Suzanne Call Cryst (the current Master); and,
- Whereas,* As the Grange grew, a building site was purchased and the members built a building which was dedicated July 2nd, 1875, with a dining room and kitchen being added in 1878; and,
- Whereas,* In 1923, with 23 charter members, under the leadership of Mrs. Virginia Ritchie, the Junior Grange was established to support the youth of the communities; and,
- Whereas,* In 1958, the Grange sponsored the first 4-H Achievement Night and in 1941 the 4-H Clubs of Summit County were included in the Grange Fair. In 1958 the 4-H Junior fair moved to the Summit County Fairgrounds on Howe Road.

***NOW, THEREFORE** be it resolved that I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, Ohio would like to recognize The Darrow Street Grange #751 for continuing to fulfill their goal of establishing a great organization of farmers who have banded together for 150 years to protect the advancement of agriculture, while holding fast our great American traditions.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 27th day of April, 2024.*



Mayor John Pribonic

