

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Rosa Parks was an iconic figure in the movement for equal access, social justice, and racial equality, playing a major role in the inception of the Civil Rights movement that ended legal segregation and the unequal access of African-Americans to public transportation in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Valley Transit provides public transit and paratransit to Appleton and the entire Fox Cities area; and

**WHEREAS**, paratransit with the same timeliness and reliability standards is a necessary component for any public transit system to ensure equal access for people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Valley Transit has developed standards and best practices to maintain reliability of the transit system as well as developed technology to help riders determine the location of buses in the system; and

**WHEREAS**, Valley Transit and its member communities have sought out grants and have consistently funded the transit system to ensure affordable access to riders; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a balanced transportation system to all community members reduces automobile dependence and helps transition our economy from fossil fuels to renewable energy, lower emissions, and improved air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, public transit plays an important role in addressing climate change and provides an opportunity to continue the advancement of civil rights by ensuring that all people have access to transit services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2022 as

## Transit Equity Day

in Appleton and encourage residents to recognize that equal access to reliable, affordable, and environmentally sound public transportation plays an important part in reducing carbon emissions, remedying racial, economic, and other inequalities, and improving the social and economic wellbeing of all.



Signed and sealed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON