

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, 2023 as

Transit Equity Day

in Appleton and encourage residents to join me in using public transportation on February 3, as using the public transportation we have is the best way to support equitable access for those who need it, and to recognize that equal access to reliable, affordable, and environmentally sound public transportation plays an important part in reducing carbon emissions improving the social and economic wellbeing of all.

Signed and sealed this 23rd day of January 2023.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON

