

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Harry Houdini born Erik Weisz on March 24, 1874, was raised in Appleton, Wisconsin, which he proudly called his hometown; and

WHEREAS, Houdini rose to become the world's most celebrated magician, escape artist, and illusionist, captivating audiences across the globe with his extraordinary talents and indomitable spirit; and

WHEREAS, Appleton is honored to be the home city of this legendary figure, and the Outagamie County Historical Society maintains the Houdini exhibit at the History Museum at the Castle, drawing visitors from around the world to celebrate his legacy; and

WHEREAS, Houdini's life story marked by perseverance, ingenuity, and a desire to push the boundaries of the possible continues to inspire generations of performers, artists, and dreamers; and

WHEREAS, the Society of American Magicians (SAM) and magic enthusiasts worldwide gather annually to honor Houdini's memory and contributions to the art of magic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton takes immense pride in its connection to Harry Houdini and recognizes the cultural and historical significance of his enduring legacy to our community and the world.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim July 2, 2026, as

Houdini Day

in Appleton and encourage all residents to celebrate the remarkable life, legend, and legacy of Harry Houdini.

Signed and sealed this 1st day of July 2026.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON

