

PROCLAMATION

“GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE OF 2017”

WHEREAS, on Monday, August 21, 2017, a rare total eclipse of the Sun will be visible within a narrow corridor that traverses the United States of America, from sea to shining sea; and

WHEREAS, astronomers predict that the State of Missouri will fall directly within this narrow band; and

WHEREAS, Perry County, Missouri, is predicted to experience one of the greatest total eclipse durations in the entire United States, with a duration of 2 minutes, 40.2 seconds at 1:20 p.m. CDT; and

WHEREAS, this is the first such total eclipse of the Sun in Perry County, Missouri, since 1442, almost 600 years ago; and

WHEREAS, veterans of total solar eclipses state that the only way to experience the completely overwhelming spectacle that is totality, is to travel to a site within the path of the eclipse; and

WHEREAS, the City of Perryville, Missouri, invites all astrologers, scientists, nature enthusiasts, students, and all who are interested in seeing history in the making, to join us as we watch this remarkable phenomenon in our amazing city; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Baer, Mayor of the City of Perryville, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the twelve months preceding August 21, 2017, as

“TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEARTLAND 2017”

and urge all of our citizens to learn more about the upcoming eclipse and plan to join us on this memorable and momentous day.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Perryville, Missouri, this 21st day of August, 2016.

Ken Baer

Ken Baer, Mayor