

Official Proclamation

By the County Executive
Of Racine County, Wisconsin

Whereas: The Fox River was central to the lives of Native Americans inhabiting the Fox River Valley in Wisconsin and Illinois, providing an abundance of food and water to wildlife and those native populations, and;

WHEREAS, vital to the lives of early settlers of the Fox River Valley, the Fox River provided a source of water and power to mill the grains, saw the lumber, and drive the early machinery which formed our region's commercial and industrial base, giving growth to communities, and;

WHEREAS, once a fine fishery and source of public water, the Fox River became burdened with the uncontrolled discharge of industrial, commercial and municipal wastes, threatening the health and welfare of human and wildlife populations of the Fox River, and;

WHEREAS, through sustained and increasingly diligent and effective efforts over the past century to reduce and eliminate pollution and changes to our river's natural shorelines, the Fox River has been largely freed from its burden of pollution, and;

WHEREAS, once again, the Fox River has become a safe source of recreation and reliable public water supply, with its fish and wildlife population in clear recovery, and;

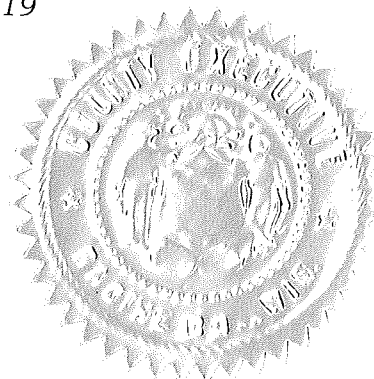
WHEREAS, Racine County recognizes the historic, present and future value of this unique and precious natural resource to our community, and all other communities within and beyond the Fox River Valley;

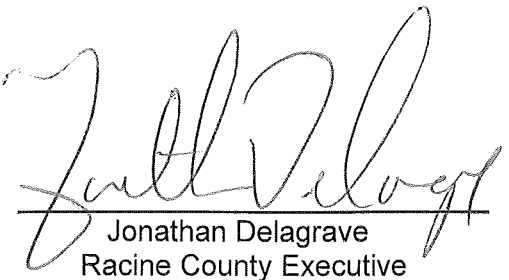
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive of Racine County hereby proclaim the third Saturday in September, this year and every year, as

"IT'S OUR FOX RIVER DAY"

in the County of Racine, and I urge all the citizens of this County to support events, public and private, that honor and celebrate the life and well-being of the Fox River for us to share now and with generations to come.

*Signed at the Courthouse
this 21st day of September, 2019
at Racine, Wisconsin*




Jonathan Delagrave
Racine County Executive