

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** *Poultry Days began in 1952, inspired by community members to celebrate Versailles being known as the Poultry Capital of the Midwest, due to the numerous poultry farms and egg producers in the area; and*

**WHEREAS:** *the festival that began as a small, single day community event has expanded to a three-day affair drawing large crowds from all over; and*

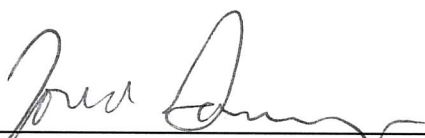
**WHEREAS:** *visitors to Poultry Days get to enjoy the traditions of the Miss Chick pageant, the Grand Parade, entertainment in the Social Tent, carnival rides, and most importantly, the World Famous chicken dinners; and*

**WHEREAS:** *proceeds from Poultry Days continue to be invested into the community, supporting school activities, the swimming pool, life squad, library, and the investment into their Heritage Park; and*

**WHEREAS:** *this year's 74th annual festival, will proclaim "Where the World's Largest Chicken BBQ Gets the Title" as Poultry Days attempts to certify the sale of 40,000 chicken dinners.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** *I, Todd Dammeyer, Mayor of the Village of Versailles, and by the Council of the Village of Versailles, County of Darke, State of Ohio, do hereby proclaim June 13-15, 2025 as "Poultry Days, Where the World's Largest Chicken BBQ Gets the Title" in the Village of Versailles, and I urge all citizens to join with us in extending our heartfelt thanks to the countless volunteers for making sure this rich tradition continues in our community.*

**DATED,** *this 11th day of June, 2025.*

  
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Todd Dammeyer, Mayor  
Village of Versailles, Ohio