

City of Indianapolis Office of the Mayor



PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, was founded in 2001 and has since become the most ubiquitous and well-read reference work in the world. Billions of readers globally have benefited from the website's crowdsourced open-access information, which has democratized access to and the production of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Indiana University Indianapolis (IUI) University Library adopted its Open Access Policy in 2009 and its Open Values Statement in 2019—affirming that a commitment to open knowledge enhances the well-being of the institution and the public while dedicating the library to disseminating and increasing the visibility of IUI research and central Indiana history through a variety of channels, such as IUI ScholarWorks and cultural heritage collections. The Indiana State Library (ISL) provides open access to the breadth of Indiana's cultural heritage through initiatives such as Hoosier State Chronicles and Indiana Memory—a digital platform launched in 2008 that offers a portal to hundreds of digital collections from repositories across the state, including many of Indianapolis' key institutions; and

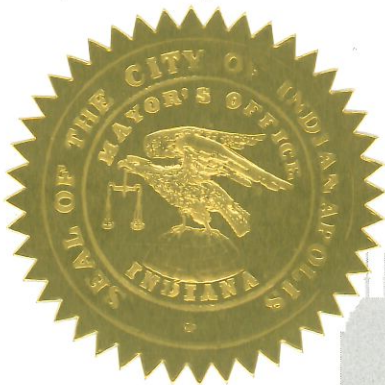
WHEREAS, the Central Indiana Wikipedia Partnership, a project administered by the IUI University Library, has received over \$280,000 from The Indianapolis Foundation Library Fund to improve the representation of Indiana's heritage on Wikipedia. The Indiana State Library, through its partnership with the Digital Public Library of America, has shared more than a quarter-million digital images to Wikimedia Commons, from a dozen local institutions, that have received 20 million views; and

WHEREAS, every year for the past ten years, the community of Wikipedia editors, stakeholders, and allies in North America has come together for WikiConference North America, to share case studies and workshops related to Wikipedia's reliability, outreach, equity, cultural heritage, education, community organizing, and more. This year's conference, which was awarded a \$130,000 grant from the Wikimedia Foundation, is being organized by and held at Indiana University Indianapolis, bringing hundreds of attendees to our city and reflecting the University Library's and the city's heritage workers' deep involvement in the broader open knowledge movement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH H. HOGSETT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 4, 2024, AS:

WIKIPEDIA DAY

in the City of Indianapolis, and I ask all citizens to join me in this observation.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE
HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO
BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF
INDIANAPOLIS ON THIS 4TH DAY OF
OCTOBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND
TWENTY-FOUR.

JOSEPH H. HOGSETT
MAYOR
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS