

Proclamation

By Mayor Christina M. Muryn
Findlay, Ohio

WHEREAS: City Laundry is celebrating 75 years in business; and

WHEREAS: Carl and Edith Kramer bought City Laundry in 1944. As times changed so did the business as it transformed into City Dry Cleaning. The invention of the home washer virtually eliminated the need to do laundry elsewhere, however, dry cleaning was still driving the fire. The business also opened its doors to taking on the rental business; and

WHEREAS: In 1977, City Dry Cleaning took on the opportunity to pre-wash Levi jeans. This was a huge task that Paul Kramer (Carl and Edith's son) took on. This opened the floodgates to a flurry of new jobs in Findlay. Semi-truck after semi-truck would pull in to drop off jeans to be washed and sent back to Levi. This went on for several years; and

WHEREAS: In 1987, Paul had a vision of using the laundry business to do something big for the community. This vision was to make sure everyone was warm during the cold months in Ohio. Thus came the birth of Coats for Christmas which celebrated 31 years of service to others this year. Every year, coats are collected and sent to City Dry Cleaning and City Uniforms and Linen to be laundered prior to distribution. City Dry Cleaning also takes part in volunteering and sponsoring the Black Swamp Classic which helps fund the Braden Kramer Foundation and the local YMCA; and

WHEREAS: In 1994, on the weekend of July 4th, Paul Kramer watched his business burn to the ground in a fire. City Dry Cleaning did not miss a single business day through hard work and help from the community. The business rented a location downtown in the meantime. At this point, Paul had to make the decision to walk away from it or rebuild. With the decision to rebuild came the opportunity to expand. The new rental business, City Uniforms and Linen, was built in March of 1995 on Westfield Drive and City Dry Cleaning was rebuilt on East Main Cross. Fast forward several years and City Dry Cleaning powered through the infamous flood of 2007, the downward spiral of the economy in 2008, and other dips and turns along the way; and

WHEREAS: Today, Rich Kramer (Paul and Pam's son) is acting COO, thus third generation owned and operated. Anni Kramer (Paul and Pam's daughter) owns City Apparel, which made its start under the Westfield Drive roof.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christina M. Muryn, Mayor of the City of Findlay, Ohio, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2019, as:

CITY DRY CLEANING DAY

In Findlay, and invite all in congratulating the City Dry Cleaning family for 75 years of business in Findlay.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Findlay, Ohio, to be affixed this 6th day of June 2019.

Christina M. Muryn, Mayor