



# *Proclamation*

## *Mayor Mitch Reynolds*

### *City of La Crosse*

**WHEREAS**, 2022 marks the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the home at 1419 Cass Street, operated as Castle La Crosse Bed and Breakfast for the last five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Castle La Crosse is identified on the National Register of Historic Places as either “Holway House” or “Nymphus B. Holway House” and was informally known as “The Castle on Cass” for many years and was eventually renamed “Castle La Crosse”; and

**WHEREAS**, The massive stone structure was designed by La Crosse architects Schick and Stolze and was completed in 1892 for Lumber Baron Nymphus B. Holway and his wife Jesse; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a fine example of grand 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture in the region, featuring original stained-glass windows and woodwork throughout, using 12 regional woods in the construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the residence has been home to prominent families and the Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse and is an iconic La Crosse landmark visited by over 1500 guests per year from around the country; and

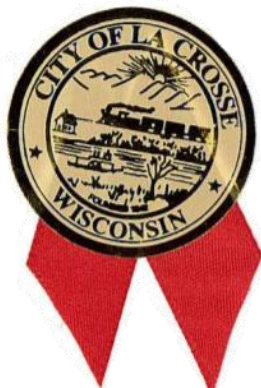
**WHEREAS**, Brandon Rigger and Billy Bergeron have gone to great lengths to restore and maintain Castle La Crosse as a landmark property that also serves the community as a tourist attraction and lodging option for visitors to the La Crosse region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITCH REYNOLDS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE**, do hereby proclaim May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as

#### **“CASTLE LA CROSSE DAY”**

in the City of La Crosse and ask everyone to celebrate this remarkable, historic home and unique tourist destination.

Dated on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.



**MAYOR MITCH REYNOLDS**