



# SUPERIOR

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Living up to our name.

## A PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR JIM PAINE

**Whereas, World Accordion Day, May 6,** is an annual celebration held worldwide in honor of the 1829 patent by Cyril Demian that started the accordion family of musical instruments on a path of prolific technological and artistic developments as displayed as *A World of Accordions Museum* in Superior, WI; and

**Whereas,** this museum, housing over 2,000 instruments, is widely held as the finest collection in the world, draws conventions, performing artists, festival participants and reporters from many countries; and

**Whereas,** this festival is held in Superior and broadcast worldwide, drawing attention to the area and the exceptional musical environment created here; and

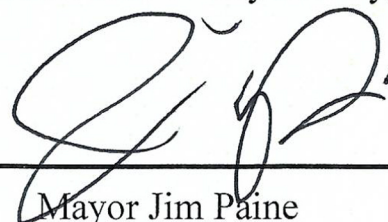
**Whereas,** the local institution, located at **Harrington ARTS Center**, has received honors from *UNESCO* member, *Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes*, which is a leading proponent for preservation of cultural history and artistic excellence; and

**Therefore,** I, Jim Paine, Mayor of the City of Superior, hereby proclaim May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as

## WORLD ACCORDION DAY

in the City of Superior, Wisconsin and encourage all residents to participate in the coming festivities to show support and appreciation for *A World of Accordions Museum* and the musical heritage they preserve.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Superior to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.



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**Whereas, Dr. Willard A. Palmer, II,** was a musical genius of profound pedagogic productivity whose renown and accomplishments are celebrated annually at Harrington ARTS Center, the repository of his estate consisting of his musical instruments, 800 teaching books primarily for accordion, piano, and other instruments; and

**Whereas,** Palmer raised performance standards through scholarly Urtext editions for concert artists; 17 multi-lingual translations of his books, the English versions of which are used daily in the institution's Accordion Resource Center Libraries; and

**Whereas,** Palmer was an important inventor whose instrument designs have influenced the accordion world since the 1940s, and his musical instruments are demonstrated and explained daily; and

**Whereas,** the Palmer arrangements are taught in music classes at Harrington ARTS Center and worldwide, and his original compositions are used in music lessons, concerts, and technical studies by thousands of students daily; and

**Whereas,** Harrington ARTS Center at Superior, WI, are known as the worldwide reference center for Palmer studies; and

**Therefore,** I, Jim Paine, Mayor of the City of Superior, hereby proclaim Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as

### **DR. WILLARD A. PALMER DAY**

in the City of Superior, Wisconsin

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Superior to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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**Whereas, Social Music Celebrations** are an important part of many distinct nationalities in Wisconsin, including German, Czech, Slovak, Polish, English, Irish, Scandinavian, among others, as well as musical styles of Zydeco, Conjunto, Cajun, Olde Tyme, Big Band, and many more; and

**Whereas, Music** is enjoyed in the company of others drawn together by spirit and emotion that express song texts, body rhythms and dances in deeply shared ways; and

**Whereas, Music** strengthens family ties, neighbors, and brings together generations by preserving traditions and memories of events, and

**Whereas, Accordions** of all kinds are regularly used as integral parts in the history of Wisconsin and the Midwest, having been introduced by settlers to the Northwest Territory in the mid-nineteenth century and continuing to the present; and

**Whereas, These instruments** are found at Harrington ARTS Center, Superior, in guises recognizable by acoustics and body shapes as associated with traditions of manufacture and brought to this region by travelers and immigrants; and

**Whereas, Harrington ARTS Center** is well known as a music center of exceptional breadth, its events being broadcasted throughout the United States and into Europe; and

**Therefore, I, Jim Paine, Mayor of the City of Superior,** hereby proclaim Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
as

## SOCIAL MUSIC CELEBRATION DAY

In the City of Superior, Wisconsin

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Superior to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

Mayor Jim Paine