



# Official Proclamation

## City of Hastings, Michigan



### Honoring Steve Reid

- Whereas:** The first event was held in 1978 and it was called the “Blue Gill Festival”; and
- Whereas:** the following year, Steve and his wife Joyce moved back to Hastings, he attended the event; and
- Whereas:** in 1980 Steve began to bring in the groups to provide musical entertainment for the festivities; and
- Whereas:** he remembers getting the first groups: Note of Praise, Hope Trio, and the Monday Night Special, for which he paid \$53.30 for them to come (he was later reimbursed); and
- Whereas:** Steve and Steve Steward joined together to book and promote and emcee for multiple stages during the weekend fun; and
- Whereas:** Terry Talbot (Mason Profitt), the Byrds, Dennis Yost and the Classics Four, Barry McGuire, many and always popular Beatle Tribute bands were among the national touring and recording artists. Other well-known names included Ray Overholt, Mid South, B.E. Taylor, Harvey Jett, Brooks Williams, Rare Earth, The Vogues, Bill Haley’s Comets, Bobby Holley, Mike Stand of the Altar Boys, Randy Stonehill, Leon Patillo from Santana, Magic Bus, Mike Deasy, and Smyrna bands. They also booked many regional and local artists to fill out the line-up for the next 38 years using the current name of Summerfest; and
- Whereas:** Steve continues to attend as many “concerts” as he can. Steve has kept a musical diary, since 1972, of the music that he has listened to. Steve hopes to continue, in an advisory capacity, serving the citizens of Hastings and the Summerfest committee

**Now Therefore,** I, Mayor David J. Tossava, on behalf of the City of Hastings and the Hastings City Council, do hereby wish to recognize and express our pride and heartfelt appreciation to Steve Reid for his continued service to the citizens of the City of Hastings and the Summerfest event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Hastings, Michigan, to be affixed this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

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David J. Tossava, Mayor