

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF  ROANOKE

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Postal Reorganization Act as Amended states, "The United States Postal Service shall be operated as a basic and fundamental service provided to the people by the Government of the United States, authorized by the Constitution, created by Act of Congress, and supported by the people. The Postal Service shall have as its basic function the obligation to provide postal services to bind the Nation together through the personal, educational, literary, and business correspondence of the people. It shall provide prompt, reliable, and efficient services to patrons in all areas and shall render postal services to all communities.";

**WHEREAS**, the public Postal Service insures that every person of the United States to engage in the democratic right to communicate regardless of geographic location, economic status, race, nationality, creed, religion, sex, gender identity, or age;

**WHEREAS**, the Postal Service provides universal service at reasonable rates and has been integral to much of America's economic, social and cultural development;

**WHEREAS**, July 26, 1775, the United States Post Office Department was established by act of the Second Continental Congress, which also appointed the first Postmaster General, Benjamin Franklin. Throughout its long history the Postal Service has been an important part of the infrastructure of the nation, linking individuals in personal ways, as well as providing a service vital for commerce;

**WHEREAS**, today the Postal Service services 153 million addresses a day, delivering letters, packages, medicines, magazines, catalogs, greeting cards and bill payments. During the ecommerce revolution, the postal service is as vital as ever;

**WHEREAS**, postal jobs, granted on the basis of open and competitive exams, have provided good living wage jobs with equal pay for equal work for minorities and women. The Postal Service is one of the largest employers of veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, Post Office buildings are prominent landmarks in many cities and towns, often serving as hubs of our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, David A. Bowers, Mayor of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, urge all citizens to recognize the contributions of the USPS as an essential public asset that serves a vital role in the economic, civic, and cultural enrichment of our communities and to mark this observance of postal heritage day celebration in our city and salute the postal workers who are proud to serve the American people, day in and day out, through rain, shine, sleet or snow, do hereby proclaim July 26 throughout this six time, great All-America City, as**

**POSTAL HERITAGE DAY.**

Given under our hands and the Seal of the City of Roanoke this twenty-fourth day of July in the year two thousand and fifteen.

ATTEST:

  
Stephanie M. Moon Reynolds  
City Clerk



  
David A. Bowers  
Mayor