



Executive Proclamation

WHEREAS, a local staple, oft enjoyed by residents within the State of Wisconsin and across the broader Midwestern United States, the fish fry has long served as a source of comfort and community, bringing family and friends together in the name of tradition, culture, and cuisine; and

WHEREAS, created locally by *Milwaukee Record* journalist Caleb Westphal, Friday Fish Fry Day pays homage to the togetherness and friendship fostered by fish fries while also supporting the local fish fry restaurants that enrich our communities, with the event being celebrated for the fifth time in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Westphal has continuously demonstrated a passion for the fish fry tradition, reaching a milestone of participation in 500 consecutive Friday fish fries in July of 2023, and documenting hidden gem restaurants and creating ranked fish fry lists with his "Enjoy Every Fish Fry" column, which has continued to gain prominence in recent years; and

WHEREAS, beyond its goal of recognizing a cultural staple, Friday Fish Fry Day has worked to support Milwaukeeans in need, partnering with the Interchange Food Pantry to encourage participants to donate peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, and monetary gifts, spreading a message of generosity, togetherness, and service; and

WHEREAS, Friday Fish Fry day brings out the best in our communities, honoring the legacy of Milwaukee County's culinary traditions and encouraging us to unite with our friends, family, and neighbors in the spirit of breaking bread; now, therefore

I, *DAVID CROWLEY*, County Executive of Milwaukee County, do hereby recognize and proclaim March 7, 2025, to be

Friday Fish Fry Day

a day of recreation and enjoyment for all who participate, and an event that fosters a spirit of giving for those in need.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Crowley".

David Crowley
Milwaukee County Executive