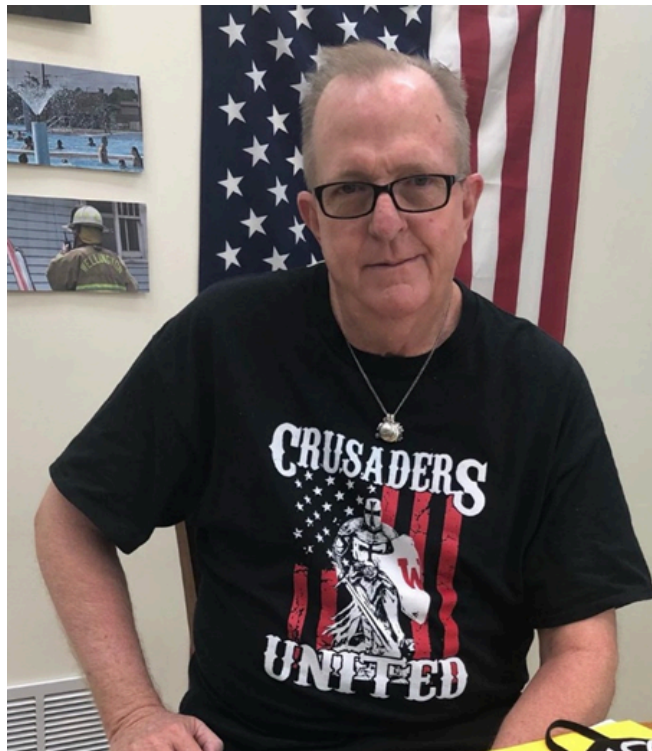




JOINT PROCLAMATION

CITY OF WELLINGTON AND USD353 BOARD OF EDUCATION

**IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE STURGIS
AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 8, 2022 AS
STEVE STURGIS (MR. CRUSADER) DAY**



WHEREAS, Steve Sturgis was born on July 23, 1956 at Hatcher Hospital in Wellington, Kansas, and he grew up attending Roosevelt Elementary School, Wellington Junior High School, and Wellington High School, graduating in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Steve continued his higher education at the University of Wyoming for his freshman year, Ft. Hays State University for his sophomore year, and for the final two years attended Wichita State University, graduating in 1979 from WSU with honors with a major in the Administration of Justice and a minor in Sociology; and

WHEREAS, Steve worked in several different areas in his early years and had worked for the Boeing Company for 15 years when, in 1996, he took a leave of absence to return to his hometown of Wellington to care for his aging parents; and

WHEREAS, Steve launched his Crusader website in 1999 with his motivation to create a website that promoted the positive side and showed the community teenagers' positive strengths; and

WHEREAS, Steve served as the webmaster for his Crusader website since its inception and eventually became webmaster for the official USD 353 website and has taken thousands upon thousands of photos posting them to the website as captured moments in time to be cherished forever by so many Crusader students, alumni, relatives, Wellington residents, current and those who have moved away over time; and

WHEREAS, Steve has been recognized through the years for his school and community service including being awarded a plaque for his community excellence with WHS by KAKE-TV 10 and Davis Moore Auto in October 2001 and being selected for the Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Steve should be recognized by all for his years of constant effort and significant accomplishments in promoting WHS athletics, academics and events, anything and everything Crusader related, as well as promoting the entire Wellington community and becoming a forever part of Wellington school and community culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Jim Valentine, Mayor of the City of Wellington, Kansas, and Jason Newberry, President of the USD353 Board of Education, do hereby call upon all citizens to recognize and remember Steve Sturgis for the caring individual he was and for his accomplishments and contributions to the Wellington community and observe with great pride February 8, 2022, as Steve Sturgis “Mr. Crusader” day.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Wellington, Kansas, and the official seal of the USD353 Board of Education this 1st day of February 2022.

Jim Valentine, Mayor

City of Wellington

Jason Newberry, President

USD353 Board of Education

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ATTEST:

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Heidi Theurer, City Clerk

Shelby Metcalf, School Board Clerk