



## PROCLAMATION

 $\it Whereas$ , the Riverwalk is Wilmington's #1 tourist destination; and

 $\it Whereas$ , a stated goal of the Vision 2020 Downtown Plan is to "activate the riverfront"; and

 $\it Whereas$ , USA Today named Wilmington "America's #1 Riverfront" in 2014; and

Whereas, the Riverwalk and expansion of it continues to drive private economic development along the Riverfront; and

Whereas, since 1980 the City of Wilmington has invested more than \$33 million in additions, improvements and repairs to the Riverwalk; and

Whereas, the city has committed over \$10 million in the last three years to restore and repair, and expand the Riverwalk and Riverfront Park; and

Whereas, while we recognize that the Riverwalk will always be a work in progress, the entire 1.75 mile Riverwalk is now open to the public; and

Whereas, a ceremony is planned to mark the occasion at 10 am, Nov 18 in Riverfront Park.

 ${\it Now, therefore,}$  be it resolved that November 18, 2017 shall be named

## Riverwalk Day

in honor of the completion of all 1.75 miles of the Wilmington Riverwalk.

Bill Saffo