



State of Michigan, United States of America
Proclamation

Walt Disney Day-Kalamazoo
July 12th, 2018

WHEREAS, in September of 1964 Walt Disney traveled to Kalamazoo to visit his friend Donald Gilmore, founder of the Gilmore Museum and 2018 marks the 54th anniversary of Walt's visit; and,

WHEREAS, Walt Disney is the topical study at Western Michigan University Lee Honors College HNRS 2900: Walt's Pilgrimage. HNRS 2900 is a course in the Study in the States Program; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the course study, eight WMU students will participate in Walt's Pilgrimage July 12th-20th, 2018 to learn about the life of Walt Disney; and,

WHEREAS, the students will serve as ambassadors of Kalamazoo as they follow Walt Disney's footsteps traveling through cities in Illinois, Missouri, and California. The student's journey can be followed through all social media platforms; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE 52nd CITY COMMISSION, I, BOBBY J. HOPEWELL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KALAMAZOO do hereby declare July 12th to be Walt Disney Day in Kalamazoo and encourage residents to celebrate Walt Disney's legacy and connection to Kalamazoo.

Bobby J. Hopewell,
Mayor