



BERRIEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
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October 21, 2021

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Youth Fair was first held in 1946, then known as the Berrien County Rural Youth Fair; and

WHEREAS, in its original form it was a three day event that featured a livestock parade, a farm picnic, entertainment by the Chicago radio station WLS, an opportunity for the area's youngsters to show off 350 exhibits and concluded with a horse show of more than 100 horses; and

WHEREAS, based on the success of the first year's event, the venue expanded to a 34 acre trust of ground that was purchased from the Berrien County Board in 1950 for a price of \$5,000; ultimately the County Board returned the money and the deed; and

WHEREAS, by its 10th Anniversary, the event went from 350 exhibits and 3,750 attendees to over 4,000 exhibits and nearly 46,000 attendees; and

WHEREAS, since its beginning, the motto of the Berrien County Youth Fair has been "Builders of Good Citizenship", however, beyond that, it is a lesson for its exhibitors in responsibility, hard work, creativity, and community; and

WHEREAS, 75 years later, the Berrien County Youth Fair is a week-long event, has become the largest youth fair in the Midwest attracting over 130,000 visitors and over 18,000 exhibits, and providing opportunity for over 2,000 youth from the ages of 5-20; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners deems it appropriate to honor the Berrien County Youth Fair on this, its 75th Anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners recognize the value that the Berrien County Youth Fair provides for our area and expresses their appreciation to the Berrien County Youth Fair Board and staff for all their hard work and effort put into this event every year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners encourages residents and visitors alike to attend the annual event held the 3rd week of August at the fairgrounds in Berrien Springs.

RESPECTFULLY,
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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