

A PROCLAMATION

On Behalf Of The People Of The CITY OF KNOXVILLE

By Her Honor The Mayor

Indya Kincannon

To Publicly Recognize

General Federation of Women's Clubs

- WHEREAS: The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is celebrating 130 years of existence, perseverance and Unity in Diversity; and
- **WHEREAS:** GFWC is comprised of women from all walks of life who share the goal of making the world a better place by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service; and
- WHEREAS: GFWC member organizations have worked together to accomplish many goals including powerful advocacy for child-labor laws, promotion of nationwide outreach that led to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act, assistance in creating the National Park Service, and establishing a majority of the nation's public libraries; and
- WHEREAS: Ossoli Circle organized November 20, 1885, as the first women's club in Knoxville and in the state of Tennessee was the first club in the South to join the General Federation of Women's Clubs; and
- WHEREAS: The occasion of GFWC's Federation Day on April 24, 2020, is the ideal opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women in our community who are "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Indya Kincannon, Mayor of the City of Knoxville, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2020, to be:

GFWC Day

in Knoxville and urge all citizens to join us in this observance.

Given under my hand and affixed with the Seal of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, This Twenty-Fourth Day of April, 2020

Mayor

