

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the Izaak Walton League of America, founded by 54 sportsmen conservationists in Chicago in 1922; and

WHEREAS, the newly formed Izaak Walton League of America immediately set out to combat pollution, restore habitat and protect wildlife; and

WHEREAS, members continue to the present day to defend soil, air, woods, waters and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Izaak Walton League of America established its _____ chapter in _____(city) on _____(chapter founding date); and

WHEREAS, the chapter _____(local chapter achievements and contributions to community); and

WHEREAS, the chapter has shown by its actions and good works for the past __ years that it is a significant asset to the community, providing conservation and outdoor recreation that have greatly benefited the area and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I/We, _____, Mayor/City Council of _____, do hereby proclaim _____(anniversary date), as:

“Izaak Walton League Anniversary Day”

in the City/Town of _____, and I urge all citizens to recognize the contributions the _____ Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America has made to our community and commend the chapter for a wonderful heritage and a bright future.

PROCLAIMED this __ day of ____ (month) ____ (year).

Helpful Tips for Procuring Local Proclamations

1. Use the anniversary of your chapter's founding as a hook and to determine what day you'd like to be recognized. Be sure to be ready to submit your proclamation well in advance of your chapter's founding date. Look for helpful information on your city's municipal website. Determine if you should approach the mayor or the city or town council. You may find specific instructions for how to request a proclamation recognizing your chapter's anniversary.
2. Use the model proclamation IWLA staff have put together or create your own. But either way, be sure to include some information that is specific to your chapter and the achievements you would like to note. The model proclamation includes some blanks that will need to be filled out, but you should also add special achievements, unique to your chapter, to the model proclamation to make it more appealing to your local officials.
3. Once you've determined who should issue your proclamation, the mayor or the city council, take a little time to see if you can determine if they have specific staff dedicated to constituent requests. You can do this by calling their office and politely asking for help having a proclamation recognizing your chapter issued. Also, you should be sure to tell the person helping you that you already have draft text for the mayor or council to use. Remember to be polite!
4. Once you have secured a commitment from your local official(s) to issue a proclamation, be sure to invite them to present it in person at your chapter's meeting on the date it will be issued!
5. Finally, make sure to keep League staff aware of your progress so that we can help any way we can! You can always email Conservation Director Jared Mott at jmott@iwla.org