



Brown County Museum of History Day

- WHEREAS** the Brown County Jail served the county from 1903-1981, fulfilling civic functions, and continues to provide for the preservation of county history today as part of the Brown County Museum of History.
- WHEREAS** the Jail attracts multiple generations. Research shows that younger adults are about 50% *more likely* to have visited a museum (of any type) in the past year than *older* adults. This indicates that museums have an opportunity to grow audiences by providing valued experiences.
- WHEREAS** a study by the American Alliance of Museums showed that 97% believe that museums provide valuable educational experiences to their communities; 89% recognize the important economic contributions and jobs that museums bring; 96% would approve of elected officials who act to support museums including acting to maintain or increase federal funding.
- WHEREAS** the Brown County Museum of History has seen an increase in community involvement and the number of out-of-town visitors and continues to gain popularity as a destination institution for all.
- WHEREAS** the Museum of History is an important and iconic institution within the community providing educational outreach, historical preservation, and tourism engagement.
- THEREFORE,** I, **Shane Britton, County Judge for Brown County** do hereby proclaim June 29, 2023, the 120th anniversary of the Brown County Jail, as Brown County Museum Day in Brown County, and urge county citizens to join me in recognizing the critical role this institution plays in Brown County.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the ~~10~~²⁶th day of June, 2023.

Brown County Judge

June 26, 2023

(Exhibit #5)