

A Proclamation Designating THS Class of 1972 Day

Whereas, the THS Class of 1972 graduated 270 classmates, 18 of whom are now deceased; and

Whereas, 201 of these classmates have been located for the 40th reunion celebration; and

Whereas, the THS Class of 1972 began school under the Eisenhower Presidency, and graduated during Nixon's Presidency; and

Whereas, our classmates grew up during the Civil Rights Movement, the Vietnam War, the Era of Free Love, and the Golden Age of Rock & Roll; and

Whereas, the U. S. entered the Space Race as our class started the first grade, culminating in the landing of a man on the moon during our days at THS; and

Whereas, we were the first 18-year-olds allowed to vote, and the last to be eligible for the draft; and

Whereas, the THS Class of 1972 produced a football team that was undefeated in 1971, were Big Nine Champs, Big Five Champs, Regional Champs, Tennessee State Champs (the first in the history of THS), ranked 2nd nationally, and beat Dobyns-Bennett in 1971 for the first time in 20 years, and never lost to Virginia High during our four years of high school; and

Whereas, the THS Band attended NASA's Apollo 13 launch, which brought them good luck, having been ranked number one during their senior year, and the Flag Ladies were added to the Band during our four years of high school; and

Whereas, the world changed dramatically during the THS Class of 1972's years in public school; and

Whereas, while some of us wore Oxford cloth and Weejuns, and some of us wore tie-dye and tennis shoes, from the Key Club to the CFA, the Tennessee High Class of 1972 has contributed to making the world a better place,

Now, Therefore, I, David Shumaker, Mayor of the City of Bristol Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2012 as

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in the City of Bristol Tennessee, and do hereby extend best wishes to my fellow classmates.

Done this 23rd day of June 2012.

David Shumaker, Mayor