

The City of East Helena

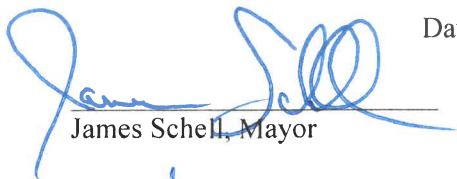
Proclamation

- Whereas; Charley Frank Pride was born the son of a sharecropper in Sledge, Mississippi on March 18th, 1934; and
- Whereas; Throughout the 1950's Charley Pride played baseball in Memphis and Boise, ending up in Montana in early 1960 pitching for the Pioneer League Missoula Timberjacks; and
- Whereas; Always looking for talent, East Helena's Montana State League Baseball team's General Manager Kes Rigler found Charley a job at the Smelter, pitching for the Smelterites; and
- Whereas; During a regularly schedule East Helena City Council meeting on Monday, May 15th, 1961, a motion was made and carried by the council to approve Charley Pride and six other men for "labor or truck drivers" for the city; and
- Whereas; Charley Pride started the 1960 baseball season with the East Helena Smelterites on June 10th pitching a seven strike-out home-opener against the Anaconda Copperheads; and
- Whereas; Charley Pride began singing before, during, and after baseball games and playing at local establishments, very soon becoming a nationwide award-winning singer and guitarist; and
- Whereas; On December 12, 2020 Charley Pride passed away in Dallas, Texas, leaving behind a musical legacy;

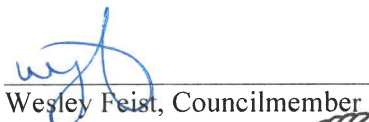
Therefore, the Mayor of the City of East Helena along with the East Helena City Council proclaim Wednesday, December 23, 2020 as Charley Pride Day.

On this day, we shall officially honor Charley Pride and recognize the joy he has given so many in this city, community, state, and country with his incredible singing and musical talents.

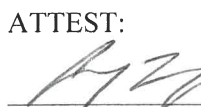
Dated this 21st day of December 2020.


James Schell, Mayor


Don Dahl, Councilmember


Wesley Feist, Councilmember


Kelly Harris, Councilmember

ATTEST:

Amy Thorngren
Clerk/Treasurer




Judy Leland, Councilmember