

Office of the Mayor
Bowling Green, Kentucky

PROCLAMATION

JOE DENNING DAY

June 4, 2019

WHEREAS,

Joe Denning began his service to the City of Bowling Green by being sworn in as a police officer on June 4th, 1969, serving through March 7th, 1970, as the City's first African American Police Officer; and,

WHEREAS,

Joe Denning continued his service to the City of Bowling Green and other communities becoming the second African American Trooper with the Kentucky State Police on March 9th, 1970, serving through the summer of 1972; and,

WHEREAS,

Joe Denning continued his service to the City of Bowling Green and other communities becoming an original member of the United States government's Model Cities Agency in 1972, serving through 1975; and,

WHEREAS,

Joe Denning continued his service to the City of Bowling Green by becoming the first African American member of the Bowling Green Independent School Board on January 1st, 1975, serving through December 31st, 1991; and,

WHEREAS,

Joe Denning continued his service to the City of Bowling Green by becoming the first African American member of the Bowling Green Board of Commissioners on January 1st, 1992 serving through December 31st, 2004, and returned to the Commission on January 1st, 2007, through February 15, 2011; and,

WHEREAS,

Joe Denning continued his service to the City of Bowling Green by being appointed as the first African American Mayor of Bowling Green on February 15th, 2011, serving through November 15th, 2011; and,

WHEREAS,

Joe Denning continued his service to the City of Bowling Green by being re-appointed to the Bowling Green Board of Commissioners on November 15th, 2011; and,

WHEREAS,

Joe Denning will probably continue his service to the City of Bowling Green as long as he has breath in his lungs; and,

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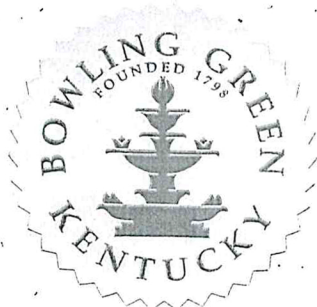
Joe Denning is the most beloved of all elected officials in the City of Bowling Green by virtue of his kindness and common sense.

NOW, THEREFORE,

We, the Bowling Green Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim June 4, 2019 as,

Joe Denning Day

in Bowling Green, Kentucky and urge every resident to take time to congratulate Joe Denning on all he has accomplished.



Bruce Wilkerson

Mayor Bruce Wilkerson, City of Bowling Green