

RESOLUTION #02-2017

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY
AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF RESUMPTION OF THE SPOONBREAD FESTIVAL**

WHEREAS, the Spoonbread Festival, which originated in 1997 and sponsored by the Berea Chamber of Commerce and the City of Berea, has been celebrated annually since its inception with 60,000 + local, state, and national attendees representing 28 states and 80 Kentucky counties,

WHEREAS, the Spoonbread Festival has had a significant positive economic, social, and civic impact on the City of Berea, festival attendees, festival vendors, Berea's businesses, and the State of Kentucky,

WHEREAS, the successful execution of the Spoonbread Festival requires significant time and labor commitments from its numerous volunteers, especially members of the Chamber of Commerce and City of Berea employees,

WHEREAS, the Berea City Government has pledged generous in-kind support from its various services such as Public Works, City Police, City Firefighters, Parks and Recreation, etc. and financial support from Berea Tourism to reinforce the successful execution of the Spoonbread Festival,

WHEREAS, the Spoonbread Festival has been recognized and celebrated nationally, as it was proclaimed one of the *Bon Appetit* Appalachia Designees in 2014.

WHEREAS, resumption of the Spoonbread Festival in 2017 is desired by the citizens of Berea and local businesses, as it was named Berea's Best Community Event by readers of the *Berea Citizen* in 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Berea, Kentucky, that we wholly affirm and support resumption of the Spoonbread Festival and acknowledge its positive economic, social, and civic impact on the City of Berea and the State of Kentucky. We also proclaim that City Council members are resolved to offer assistance as needed to ensure the successful execution of the 2017 Spoonbread Festival in the City of Berea.

Approved by: _____

Mayor Steven Connelly

Dated: February 7, 2017

Attest: _____

City Clerk