



PROCLAMATION

“INTERNATIONAL DARWIN DAY”

WHEREAS February 12, 2018 is the anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin in 1809;

AND WHEREAS Charles Darwin is recognized for the discovery of natural selection as the mechanism by which biological evolution occurs;

AND WHEREAS Darwin’s discovery of natural selection continues to serve as the foundation for ongoing advances in science, health, philosophy, art, education, and many other areas of modern life;

AND WHEREAS Darwin’s strength of character is evident in the great courage, wisdom, and honesty required to explore and publish the findings supporting natural selection as the mechanism by which biological evolution occurs;

AND WHEREAS The anniversary of Darwin’s birthday is an appropriate period on which to celebrate, reflect, and act on the principles of intellectual bravery, perpetual curiosity, and hunger for truth, which contribute to the well-being of all people;

AND WHEREAS The City of Morganton is rightfully proud of its commitment to science, health, philosophy, art, and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Thompson, Mayor, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM February 12, 2018 as

“INTERNATIONAL DARWIN DAY”

In Morganton.

Mayor