



Vincent Cervoni
Mayor

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PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, Buddy Guy, born in Louisiana, was just 7 years old when he made his first “guitar” out of two strings, attached to a piece of wood with hairpins, known as a diddley bow; and
- Whereas, he was discovered in Chicago by the Blues great Muddy Waters and went on to play clubs in the 50’s and 60’s where he met other legendary Bluesmen such as BB King, Willie Dixon and Junior Wells; and
- Whereas, in the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s, he was a huge musical influence on guitarists such as, Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Keith Richards, Jimmy Page, Jimi Hendrix and Jeff Beck; and
- Whereas, he has been a Grammy award winning artist for albums in the 90’s and 2000’s, such as *Damn Right, I’ve Got the Blues, Feels Like Rain and Slippin’ In*; and
- Whereas, he was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in 1985 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2005; and
- Whereas, he was honored in 2003 with a National Medal of Arts and in 2012 was named a Kennedy Center honoree and in 2015 received a Grammy award for lifetime achievement; and
- Whereas, in 2012, he was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in music by Louisiana State University, that same year released his autobiography “When I Left Home, My Story”, chronicling his life journey, struggles and triumphs; and
- Whereas, he owns and operates the world-famous Buddy Guy’s Legends Blues Club in Chicago; and
- Whereas, his career has spanned over six decades and he continues to tour and perform to this day, impacting and inspiring musicians and fans world-wide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vincent Cervoni, Mayor of the Town of Wallingford do hereby proclaim May 11, 2024 as:

GEORGE “BUDDY” GUY DAY

in our community. We ask our citizens to join us as we honor Buddy Guy’s life and accomplishments.


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Dated this 11th day of May, 2024
Wallingford, Connecticut