



Mayoral Proclamation

Whereas, Russell Kirk was born on October 19, 1918 at 873 N. Mill St. in the City of Plymouth and spent his formative years attending school in the City and playing near the railroad tracks in Old Village; and

Whereas, Russell Kirk has written thirty-two books, hundreds of essays and many short stories and has been described as one of America's leading thinkers; and

Whereas, more than one million copies of his 1953 book *The Conservative Mind*, said to be the driving force of the American conservative movement, have been sold; and

Whereas, Russell Kirk earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, a master's degree from Duke University and twelve honorary doctorate degrees; was a Guggenheim Fellow, a Fulbright Lecturer in Scotland, a Constitutional Fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities and received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan; and

Whereas, Russell Kirk was cited by a joint resolution of the Michigan House and Senate as "Michigan's Greatest Man of Letters;"

Now, Therefore, I, Oliver Wolcott, Mayor of the City of Plymouth, hereby proclaim October 19, 2018, one hundred years after the date of his birth,

Russell Kirk Day in the City of Plymouth.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Plymouth to be affixed hereto this 21st day of May of the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen, and of the Independence Two Hundred Forty-Two.

Oliver Wolcott, Mayor
City of Plymouth, Michigan