

# *Proclamation*

## **Recognizing the Goshen High School Band Program and Honoring Directors Tom Cox and Josh Kaufman**

- Whereas,** the Goshen High School Band Program has earned national recognition as a recipient of the **Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction Award**, one of the most respected honors in music education, recognizing only two programs in the United States each year for sustained excellence; and
- Whereas,** the Irons Award recognizes long-term achievement in musicianship, student development, alumni success, and community engagement, reflecting decades of consistency, discipline, and high expectations; and
- Whereas,** under the leadership of Tom Cox and Josh Kaufman, the Goshen High School Band Program continues a legacy of excellence built by dedicated educators, including Dave Plank and Max Mault, and demonstrates the importance of continuity and stewardship in achieving lasting success; and
- Whereas,** music plays an essential role in the City of Goshen by bringing people together, fostering creativity, and providing young people with confidence, discipline, and a powerful means of expression; and
- Whereas,** through their mentorship and commitment to excellence, Tom Cox and Josh Kaufman have helped sustain and strengthen the Goshen High School Band Program and its impact on students and the broader community;

Now, therefore, I, Gina Leichty, Mayor of the City of Goshen, Indiana, do hereby proclaim December 17, 2025, as

### **“Goshen High School Band Excellence Day”**

in the City of Goshen, and do further present the Keys to the City of Goshen to Tom Cox and Josh Kaufman in recognition of their extraordinary leadership, dedication to music education, and lasting contributions to the cultural life of the community.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand and caused the Seal of the  
City of Goshen to be affixed this  
16th day of December 2025.*

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Gina M. Leichty, Mayor  
City of Goshen, Indiana