

**CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA**  
**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-15**

**AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE LEGACY AND MEMORY OF WILLIAM DAVID HURSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "COACH DAVID HURSE DAY" IN THE CITY OF STARKE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, communities may be uniquely blessed by a community member who makes significant and lasting contributions by sharing their life and talents to make the community a better place to live, work, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, God uniquely blessed the Starke community when He led William David Hurse to Starke to join the coaching staff of Bradford High School Tornados in 1957; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1957 until July 25, 2021 while making Starke his personal and professional home, William David Hurse gained the appreciation and respect of the Starke community – so much so that he came to be universally addressed in the community by the respected, yet simple title of "Coach Hurse"; and

**WHEREAS**, during his nearly three decade coaching career at Bradford High School, Coach Hurse built the Bradford High School Tornados into a high school football powerhouse in the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Hurse's tenure as football coach at Bradford High School included multiple winning seasons, playoff game, bowl game, and championship game appearances; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Hurse led the Bradford High School Tornados to back-to-back Florida State Football Championships in 1965 and 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000 the Starke community honored Coach Hurse by naming the Bradford High School football stadium as "David Hurse Stadium"; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Hurse's accomplishments on the gridiron pale in comparison to his greatest achievement in his sixty-four years in the Starke community – his life-changing influence on thousands of people on and off the athletic field, on Tornado athletic teams, and on opposing teams by mentoring and coaching them through his words, actions, discipline, experiences, and talent ; and

**WHEREAS**, the lasting legacy of Coach Hurse must be acknowledged by those who knew him and for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, one way to cement the legacy of Coach Hurse in the Starke community is to establish a day dedicated to his honor, legacy, and memory; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no more appropriate time of year to honor the legacy of Coach Hurse than during Bradford High School's Homecoming Week festivities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission desires to honor the legacy of Coach Hurse by establishing in the City of

Starke (the "City") an annual day of honor and remembrance to be known as "Coach David Hurse Day"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission, being fully advised of the facts and circumstances, hereby finds and establishes the following to honor the legacy and memory of William David Hurse by the City:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF STARKE, FLORIDA:**

#### **SECTION 1. COACH DAVID HURSE DAY ESTABLISHED**

Chapter 2, Article VIII, Section 2-600 of the City of Starke Code of Ordinances is created to as follows:

Chapter 2. Administration

Article VIII. Municipally Established Days of Recognition and Honor.

Section 2-600. Coach David Hurse Day

Commencing with the 2021-2022 Bradford County Schools academic year, and annually thereafter, the Friday of each annual Bradford High School Homecoming Week for Bradford High School located in Bradford County, State of Florida shall be known and designed as "Coach David Hurse Day" in the City of Starke; and such day shall be dedicated by the City of Starke to honor the memory and legacy of William David Hurse.

#### **SECTION 2. DIRECTIONS TO CODIFIER**

It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Starke that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Starke, Florida. The Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section", "Article" or such other word or phrase in order to accomplish such intention.

#### **SECTION 3. REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent they conflict with this Ordinance, repealed.

#### **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY**

It is the declared intent of the Starke City Commission that, if any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, void, or inoperative by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such holding of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance and the remainder of this Ordinance, after the exclusion of such part or parts, shall be deemed to be valid.

#### **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE**


This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

**APPROVED, UPON THE FIRST READING**, by the Starke City Commission at a regular meeting, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

**PUBLICLY NOTICED**, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Starke, Florida, by the City Clerk of the City of Starke, Florida on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2021.

**APPROVED UPON THE SECOND READING, AND ADOPTED ON FINAL PASSAGE**, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the Starke City Commission, at a regular meeting this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA

  
Honorable Janice D. Mortimer, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE STARKE CITY  
COMMISSION:

  
Jimmy V. Crosby, Jr., City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
Clay Martin, City Attorney