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and

National Soapmaking Day

Last Sunday in September, Annually

Proclamation

Whereas: Our Nation is enhanced by diligent innovators and entrepreneurs who actively manufacture consumer commodities, such as soap; National Soapmaking Day participants who successfully learn to make soap may benefit by choosing to sell soap for profit or additional income; and

Whereas: It is imperative “our Nation's youth are prepared to bring knowledge and skills to solve problems, make sense of information, and know how to gather and evaluate evidence to make decisions”¹ through the study and practice of science, technology, engineering, and math; soapmaking requires and embraces these academic disciplines; and

Whereas: The purpose of making soap is both to achieve the worthwhile experience of personal enrichment through creating soap and to possess handmade soap because the use of soap is pertinent to good hygiene and “is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others;”² and

Whereas: Soapmaking used to be the greatest outlet for inedible oils produced in the United States³ and soapmaking requires ingredients that may promote United States agriculture, such as oils from vegetable crops and fats from farm-raised animals; and

Whereas: September marks the beginning of autumn, when students resume learning and street/craft fair shoppers become more enthusiastic about purchasing holiday gifts, the last Sunday of September is the optimal day to learn about soapmaking or to make soap to use on Global Handwashing Day in mid-October;

Now, Therefore: I, sixteenth-generation soapmaker, Master Soapmaker at Pallas Athene Soap, Honorary Lifetime Member of the Handcrafted Soap and Cosmetic Guild, Soapmaking Ambassador, and soapmaking instructor; Kerri Mixon do hereby proclaim the last Sunday in September of each year to be National Soapmaking Day and invite all citizens to increase their understanding of modern and historical soapmaking and to make soap.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

/s/ Kerri Mixon
January 20, 2020

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1. “Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, Including Computer Science,” United States Department of Education, accessed January 10, 2020, <https://www.ed.gov/stem>.
 2. “Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives,” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States Department of Health and Human Services, last reviewed January 14, 2020; accessed January 15, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing>.
 3. Daniel Swern, et al. “Animal Fats and Oils in Industry,” 1950–1951 Yearbook of Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, accessed January 4, 2020, <https://naldc.nal.usda.gov/download/IND43894118/PDF>.