

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION
CITY OF PHILIP, SOUTH DAKOTA
November 18, 2018**

WHEREAS, for over 200 years the United States of America has stood for the basic freedoms and strongly supports the right of all nations to be free of outside interference; and,

WHEREAS, in 1954, our own late Dr. George Mangulis, a native of Latvia, joined our community to practice medicine; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Mangulis had shared about the struggles his native land had gone through to obtain the freedom and independence as we have here in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, in 1993, Lielvarde, Latvia, and the City of Philip, South Dakota, became "Sister Cities" to honor the ties of Dr. Mangulis' adopted community of Philip and a community in his native country; and,

WHEREAS, the community of Philip honored Latvia's seventieth and ninetieth anniversary of Independence and still today, continues to fly the Latvian flag in their honor; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Philip, South Dakota, greatly supports a free and independent Latvia, and continues to support country's that desire to be free of any outside forces or oppressive foreign political influences; and,

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2018, Latvia will celebrate one hundred years of independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, in honor of this most momentous occasion, I, Michael Vetter, Mayor of the City of Philip, Haakon County, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim this, the eighteenth day of November, in the year Two-Thousand and Eighteen, in the City of Philip, County of Haakon, South Dakota as:

**LATVIA'S 100th ANNIVERSARY OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Dated this 18th day of November 2018.

SEAL

/s/ Michael Vetter, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Monna Van Lint, Finance Officer
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