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### **GARY INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IS ALL NEW NEW DATE; NEW TIME; MOVES BACK TO BROADWAY FIREWORKS AFTER THE PARADE**

**Gary, Indiana-** The City of Gary's Independence Day Parade and Celebration is all new this year. The city's annual parade moves back to Broadway on a new date and a new time. The city will present its Independence Day Parade on the day before the Fourth of July Holiday on Wednesday, July 3, 2019. The parade will be held in the evening at 6:00 p.m. and will travel north on Broadway from 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue north to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A fantastic Fireworks Show sponsored by Spectacle Entertainment & Majestic Star Casino will round out the celebration beginning at 9:00 p.m. in the city's downtown.

All are invited to join the city, Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, members of the Gary Common Council, our sponsors, family and friends in this display of Gary patriotism and pride during this traditional celebration along the city's main corridor. Featured in the evening parade will be special guests, clowns, floats, vehicles, musical units and more. The much anticipated parade will celebrate this national holiday and showcase the festive spirit of the Gary community. The Parade theme this year is ***"We Are Gary Proud and Gary Strong!"***

"We are looking forward to the changes for this year's parade," stated Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson. "The evening parade and fireworks will be an exciting way for family to kick off the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. We thank Spectacle Entertainment & Majestic Star Casino for their generous support of the fireworks show. We invite everyone to come out and join the city as we celebrate the holiday and our city."

The City of Gary's parade has been dubbed, "one of the best Independence Day Parades in Northwest Indiana." Mayor Freeman-Wilson will recognize first, second and third place winners

in each parade category as well as an overall winner during a Press Conference. Plan now to spend your 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday evening with the fun and excitement of a community parade.

Following the Parade, eventgoers are invited to remain downtown and enjoy the fireworks show from parking lots around the Gary SouthShore RailCats stadium located at 1 Stadium Plaza. The show will be a pyrotechnic spectacular celebrating America's birthday.

Other sponsors of the Independence Day celebration include Indiana University Northwest and Powers and Sons Construction.

Those interested in participating in the parade may download the application at [www.gary.in.us](http://www.gary.in.us) or visit City Hall to complete an application. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are also available. For more information, contact the Department of Communications at (219) 881-1314.

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