

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The City of Purcell is the birthplace of Oklahoma, with a world wide reputation for champion horses, generous people and beautiful landscapes; and,

WHEREAS, in the early 1960's Jerry Wells joined pioneer Purcell race horse owner and breeder, A. B. Green, to train both race horses and show horses; successfully showing *Kid Meyers*, a son of *Three Bars*, to the American Quarter Horse Association's first Supreme Champion title in 1968; and,

WHEREAS, Wells established his first horse ranch across Highway 39 from Green's. His personal vision of success and his high standards of excellence established Purcell, Oklahoma, as a Mecca for every equine businessman and breeder. Jerry was one of the founders of the World Conformation Horse Association, assuring an orderly continuance of his efforts to breed better horses and set a standard of perfection for the halter horse;

WHEREAS, Jerry Wells holds Championships in the American Paint Horse Association, the Palomino Horse Breeders Association, the Pinto Horse Association and held the record for AQHA World Championships for many years, including 60 Halter Championships, a Calf Roping Championship, and forever establishing his supremacy in the racing world with *Merganser*, as they won the 1988 All American Futurity in Ruidoso, the Quarter Horse equivalent of the Kentucky Derby; and,

WHEREAS, Wells has been honored many times including the first AQHA Exhibitor award at the 1995 World Show, induction into the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame in 2007, and the 2008 AQHA Professional Horseman Lifetime Achievement Award; today his hometown of Purcell wishes to honor him for his contributions to making Purcell the Heartbeat of the World-Wide Quarter Horse Industry.

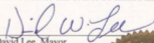
THEREFORE, it is most fitting that I, David Lee, Mayor of the City of Purcell, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 5th, 2009, as

## JERRY WELLS DAY

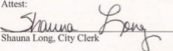
And urge all citizens to join in this celebration of a respected and generous horseman.

May His Memory Inspire Each of Us

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and cause this seal to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009.

  
David Lee, Mayor

Attest:

  
Shauna Long, City Clerk

