
A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF A PERFECT SEASON
AND TO DECLARE AUGUST 6, 2010
COACH JIM HUGHES AND THE FRANKLIN SABERS BASEBALL TEAM DAY

WHEREAS, Franklin High School was established in 1963, and has produced many winning baseball teams through the years, including qualifying for the State Tournament in 1986, 1990, 1992, 1993, 2000, 2007 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jim Hughes has been at the helm of the Franklin Saber Baseball Team for the past 24 years of his 38 years as a high school baseball coach; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association has sponsored a Wisconsin high school baseball State Tournament since 1948; and

WHEREAS, while through the years the Franklin Sabers Baseball Team has been a winner and had produced a State Tournament Individual Record in Homeruns in a game, 4 by Jake Komassa in 1993, the Sabers had not won a State Championship; and

WHEREAS, in the Summer of 2010, Coach Jim Hughes and the Franklin Sabers Baseball Team reached that rarified air high atop the Mountain, the experiences of which shall be recorded in History forever; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hughes and the Sabers threw a three-hitter in the 2010 season, the Sabers becoming the Men of Summer and Coach Hughes being the Man of Summer; they tripled into the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Record Book: I. Coach Hughes and the Sabers hit a grand slam in beating South Milwaukee 4-3 on July 25, 2010 to qualify for the State Tournament for the eighth time in History; II. Coach Hughes and the Sabers hit another grand slam in beating West Bend West 11-4 on July 29, 2010 to become the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Baseball State Champion; and III. atop the Record Book and as a precursor to the State Championship Winning Streak, they hit a grand slam on July 20, 2010, in a victory by the Sabers over Greenfield 6-2, upon which victory Coach Jim Hughes became the winningest high school baseball coach in the History of the State of Wisconsin, with 743 victories, that historical top mark being raised to 748 through the State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the year 2010 was a Perfect Season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Thomas M. Taylor, Mayor of the City of Franklin, Wisconsin, on behalf of all of the Citizens of Franklin, hereby commend the Record Book effort and performance set forth by Coach Jim Hughes and the Franklin Sabers Baseball Team in 2010, and I hereby proclaim August 6, 2010 to be "Coach Jim Hughes and the Franklin Sabers Baseball Team Day".

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that Franklin is honored to be served by Coach Hughes and his lifetime commitment to the Community's youth, his expertise, his dedication, his sportsmanship, his humility, and his demonstrated concern for all those he has coached and whose lives have been positively impacted thereby; Coach Hughes is hereby commended not only for bringing a State Championship to Franklin; Coach Hughes is hereby commended not only for being the high school baseball coach who won more games than any other in the History of the State of Wisconsin; Coach Jim Hughes is hereby commended for being the true caring man for all those he has coached and will coach, Coach Hughes having deemed the Championship a victory not only for those who played in it, but for those who came before and gave everything they had, but did not attain it.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY PROCLAIMED, in the spirit of "*it's a beautiful day, ... let's play two*", and "*it ain't over 'til it's over*", we are all looking forward from the top of the Mountain, and in specially recognizing the announced return of Coach Jim Hughes to coach the Sabers for a 25th year, while we do and are and forever will savor the moment, we can't wait 'til next year: let's "Play Ball!"

Presented to the City of Franklin Common Council this 3rd Day of August, 2010.

Thomas M. Taylor, Mayor