

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Sue Chenault Dodge was born in Saline County to Floyd and Ethelene Chenault, and was raised in the cities of Bauxite and Bryant. From an early age it was apparent that Sue had an exceptional gift when she began performing in church and publicly. When she was seven years old she was invited to join *The Miller Trio*, performing daily on KATV, Channel 7. She was crowned Miss Benton in 1968, and competed in the Miss Arkansas Pageant, where she was named Miss Congeniality by her peers; and

WHEREAS: Her musical career has spanned several decades, and she has been a part of groups such as *The Miller Trio*, *The Downings* and *The Speer Family*, and performed for years on the *Gaither Homecoming Series*. During her time with *The Speer Family* she received four Dove Awards for *Female Vocalist of the Year*. She has also been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS: Sue has traveled from coast to coast, to Europe and South Africa, and has sung in such notable venues as The Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, the Grand Ole Opry, the historic Tower of David in Jerusalem, and many others. Sue has appeared with, or sang for, President Ronald Reagan, Elvis Presley, Garth Brooks and Martina McBride; and

WHEREAS: Sue met the love of her life, Amos Dodge, while performing in San Antonio, Texas, and they were married soon after. In 1979 the Dodges founded Capital Church in Washington DC, where they continued to pastor until three years ago. The annual *Lincoln Memorial Easter Sunrise Service* was begun by the Dodges' Church in 1979, and now has over 8,000 people in attendance each Easter.

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Arey, Saline County Judge, along with all the citizens of Saline County, do hereby congratulate her on 50 years in the music industry and recognize her many accomplishments during that time. We also welcome her back home, and proclaim Saturday, March 23, 2019, as

“Sue Chenault Dodge Day”

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of March, 2019.

Jeff Arey, Saline County Judge