

**THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2016-01**

**ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO SIGN THE PETITION TO HAVE BOB FELLER  
REGOGNIZED WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM**

*WHEREAS, the Cleveland Indians have launched a campaign to have Bob Feller recognized by the White House with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and*

*WHEREAS, Bob Feller as the "Heater from Van Meter" is the most iconic individual in Van Meter's history, and*

*WHEREAS, Bob Feller was defined by his commitment to his country as the first professional baseball player to enlist in the service after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and*

*WHEREAS, At the age of 23 Bob Feller declined deferment and put his All-Star Major League career on hold to join the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the USS Alabama where he earned the rank of Chief Petty Office and was decorated with six campaign ribbons and eight battle stars, and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Van Meter believes that Bob Feller made especially meritorious contributions to the security interests of the United States in pursuit of world peace during his military service and also made especially meritorious contributions to our national pastime.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLAN B. ADAMS, Mayor of the City of Van Meter, Iowa do hereby proclaim:*

*That the public is encouraged to sign the petition to award Bob Feller the Presidential Medal of Freedom for this military service during World War II and for his contributions to the culture of our nation.*



*I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Van Meter this fourth day of February two thousand and sixteen.*

*Allen B. Adams*

ALLAN B. ADAMS  
MAYOR