



## Town of Manchester, Connecticut Official Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Steampunk is now in its 30th year as a cultural and artistic phenomenon, depicted in literature, art, and fashion all over the world. For the last two years it has found a welcoming home in Manchester through events and activities and now through engagement with Imagine Main Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Steampunk has nothing to do with the chaotic raucousness associated with the word "punk". It is all about balance, creativity and respect for the past; and

**WHEREAS**, Steampunk is imagining a world that remained in the Victorian Age, still powered by steam but with a dash of science fiction and wonder. Think Jules Verne, Charles Dickens and H.G. Wells, throw in Dr. Who with the technological what ifs of Nikola Tesla and the zoological improbabilities of H.P. Lovecraft, topped with a steamy cup of tea - that is Steampunk; and


**WHEREAS**, Steampunk is an outlet for creativity, inspiration and entertainment. It makes you think, to approach something in a different way and to find an alternate new use. It is everything that is good and reflective of the artistic and environmental values that many Manchester residents possess; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Moran**, Mayor of the Town of Manchester, do hereby proclaim September 7, 2017 as

### **Steampunk Day in Manchester**

and call upon citizens to celebrate and be proud of the rich heritage, diversity, and history the Town of Manchester has to offer.



  
Jay Moran, Mayor  
Given this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017

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