

# A Quiet Reaction in Hometown

Grand Rapids, Mich.

There was no exultation, no wild cheering in Gerald Ford's hometown yesterday when he took the oath of office and became this nation's 38th president.

"This is not a time for celebration," said Mayor Lyman Parks. "It is time for pulling our country together and healing our wounds."

Parks, the city's first black mayor, was somber as he spoke.

"When you think of the events of the past month and the passing of (the Nixon) government," he said, "we . . . would not want to mar the transition with great exultation as though we are gloating."

Although there was no public observance, the city of Grand Rapids and Kent county issued a resolution just at the time Mr. Ford became the first president from Michigan.

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## Ford's Nephew

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Chris Ford, 9-year-old nephew of the new President, was asked what he would call his uncle now.

"Mr. Uncle Jerry President," the youngster said.

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United States is fortunate to have Mr. Ford as President.

"The nation will be as well served as our city of Grand Rapids has been," the resolution read.

Ford's family, including the President's three younger brothers and their families, did not want public observances of Mr. Ford's taking over the reins of government.

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