

Proclamation

*WHEREAS, in 1995, three people opened the **Community Kindness Re-sale Shoppe** in effort to make our community a better place to live, work, raise a family, and enjoy life by sharing some of the time and talents they might have with others who also felt like doing the same thing; and*

*WHEREAS, over the last twenty years, local residents and businesses have donated items in good condition to the **Community Kindness Re-sale Shoppe** and then other residents have purchased items at a low cost; and*

*WHEREAS, the proceeds from **Community Kindness** support several local charities who serve our neighborhoods; and*

*WHEREAS, the volunteer staff maintains and continues to develop the 30,000 square foot **Community Kindness Re-sale Shoppe** located at 500 East Main Street as outstanding improvements have been noticed downtown; and*

*WHEREAS, the mission statement of **Community Kindness, Inc.** is to recognize the need of and raise funds for, 501(c)(3) agencies, organizations and projects within St. Clair County, that enable them to improve their community's standard of living, provide jobs, expand their good work or recover from a crisis; and*

*WHEREAS, the **Community Kindness Re-sale Shoppe** has thrived due to the efforts of its general manger and founder, Charlie Kramer, many volunteers, their Board of Directors, and the support of the community it serves.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby recognize and congratulate **Community Kindness, Inc.** for 20 years of uninterrupted service to the City of Belleville and the St. Clair County area by "**supporting those who help others**".*

Pride in the Past . . . Promise for the Future

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed, this 17th day of August, 2015.



Mark W. Eckert
Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

Dated this 17th day of August, 2015