



## Proclamation

*Whereas, the city of Belleville is a community that acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism, and service, and is why Belleville actively works to be a Community of Character; and*

*Whereas, Belleville is a community that encourages its citizens to maximize their personal contribution to the community by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment, and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends and community; and*

*Whereas, it is evident with the establishment of the BASIC Initiative, Belleville’s Community of Character Initiative; and is evident through community wide projects such as Paint the Town, the Missions Continues Southside Park project, the Bellevue Park Community Work Day, and with the Belleville Helping Belleville Service Day, as well as the countless continuing service rising from our schools, churches, service agencies and businesses, which has helped establish Belleville’s status as an All America City; and*

*Whereas, Belleville chooses to shine a light on, and celebrate individuals and organizations within its community who “go the extra mile” to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community, and will honor such individuals at its annual Citizens of Character dinner; and*

*Whereas, Belleville acknowledges the mission of the Extra Mile America Foundation to create 550 Extra Mile cities in America and is proud to support “Extra Mile Day” on November 1, 2015, as Belleville, being a “community of character” continues to highlight the belief that communities are made stronger through individuals and organizations who dedicate themselves to going the extra mile in volunteerism and service.*

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Mark Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2015 to be **Extra Mile Day** in Belleville, and encourage each individual in our community to take time on this day to “go the extra mile” in his or her own life and to acknowledge all those around us who are inspirational in their efforts to make their organizations, families, communities, country, or world a better place.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

*Pride in the Past . . . Promise for the Future*

*Mark W. Eckert*

Mark W. Eckert, Mayor  
Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015