



Proclamation

WHEREAS, today, we take a moment to remember and to reflect upon a tragic day that occurred 10 years ago in our City of Belleville; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2006, Sergeant Jon J. Brough, suffered critical injuries while serving in the line of duty with the City of Belleville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jon Brough along with several members of the department's Tactical Response Team were attempting to take a double homicide suspect into custody and Sergeant Jon Brough volunteered to carry the ballistic shield and to enter the residence first. Sergeant Jon Brough was shot by the suspect and sustained horrific injuries; and

WHEREAS, the impact of this catastrophe upon Jon Brough, his family, his friends, the Belleville Police Department, and the community as a whole, was immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the City of Belleville Police Department, Sergeant Jon Brough faithfully served Belleville and lived by the Belleville Police Mission Statement, which reads: The principal mission of the Belleville Police Department is to provide public safety and to contribute to the quality of life for the citizens of the City of Belleville by protecting, serving and working with the community to develop philosophies, which promote equity and establish partnership between citizens and police that enhance law enforcement, aid in the prevention of crime, and preserve the public peace; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Jon Brough received the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor from the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Jon Brough received the John O. Ellis Medal of Valor from the Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission and the Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association; and

WHEREAS, Jon Brough has received ongoing love and support from his family and friends. Jon and his wife, Wendy, have been married for nearly 37 years and together they have two sons: Jon Jr., who is married to Emily, and Paul, who is married to Hollie; and four grandchildren: Cassidy, Charlotte, Conlan, and Brenner; and

WHEREAS, Jon Brough's courageous wife, Wendy, has said, "Jon may have lost his sight, but he has not lost his vision"; and

WHEREAS, Jon Brough continues to serve his community in many capacities. Jon is a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church. Jon serves as a member of the September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois Committee and as a member of the Illinois Chapter 14 Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club. He is actively involved with BackStoppers. Jon sponsors the Annual Jon J. Brough Blood Drive and he has established the Jon J. Brough Scholarship at Southwestern Illinois College. Jon also speaks at D.A.R.E. classes, area churches, and at various law enforcement trainings and seminars; and

WHEREAS, Jon Brough is known for his unconditional love for his family, friendly and compassionate personality, strong character, sense of humor, exemplary service to others, and for promoting the growth and vision of our community and the City of Belleville; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2016, as 'Jon Brough Day' in the City of Belleville, Illinois, in honor of Jon's bravery, his perseverance, and his strength of character.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Belleville

Mark W. Eckert