



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, today, we honor **Michael Buehlhorn** on the occasion of his retirement and in tribute to his many years of dedicated service to the Metro East Park and Recreation District; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2004, Michael Buehlhorn has served as the Executive Director of Metro East Park and Recreation District, partnering with the City of Belleville and surrounding communities throughout St. Clair County and Madison County, Illinois to improve parks and develop trails; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, Michael Buehlhorn has been instrumental in his role at the Metro East Park and Recreation District in assisting the City of Belleville with grants for Bicentennial Park, Laderman Park and Hough Park, supporting city events including Tour de Belleville and the Gingerbread Run, and assisting us with Bike Trail maps; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1981 - 2001, Michael Buehlhorn served on the St. Clair County Transit District Board; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1985 - 2003, Michael Buehlhorn served as Mayor of Swansea; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1990 - 1997, Michael Buehlhorn served on the East-West Gateway Council of Governments; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1992 - 1994, Michael Buehlhorn served on the Site Selection committee for St. Clair County MetroLink; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1999 - 2000, Michael Buehlhorn served as President on the Illinois Municipal League and also served 10 years on the Illinois Municipal League Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2011, Michael Buehlhorn was appointed by St. Clair County Chairman Mark A. Kern as Treasurer of the Bi-State Development Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Buehlhorn is also the President of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois in Belleville and the President of the Epilepsy Foundation of Southern Illinois in Mount Vernon, covering over 50 counties in Illinois.

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**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby join the members of the Belleville community and congratulate **Michael Buehlhorn** on his retirement in grateful recognition for his dedicated service and continued partnership.

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

  
Mark W. Eckert, Mayor