



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Belleville, in striving to be a Community of Character, recognizes and greatly appreciates those individuals who exceed the highest level of commitment to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Belleville recognizes the devotion of **Robert 'Bob' G. Goalby** and his many contributions to the City of Belleville and to our country; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1947, Bob Goalby graduated Belleville Township High School, earning a total of eleven letters while playing multiple sports during his high school career; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Goalby is a proud veteran of the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1963, Bob Goalby was chosen to play on the US Ryder Cup Team; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, Bob Goalby won the Master Tournament, among 11 Professional Golfer's Association (PGA) Tour wins achieved between 1958 and 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1979, Bob Goalby was instrumental in forming the Senior PGA Tour, now known as the Champions Tour, and won two senior tournaments; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, Bob Goalby was inducted into the Gateway PGA Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, Bob Goalby was inducted into the Belleville West Wall of Fame, honoring select alumni who have earned recognition for their achievements and contributions in their fields of endeavor; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, Bob Goalby was inducted into the Belleville Walk of Fame, honoring individuals who have made significant contributions to the history of the City of Belleville; and

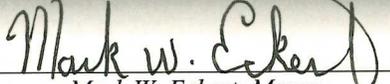
**WHEREAS**, Bob Goalby remains involved in many charitable events throughout our community, including "Turf for the Teams" a project started several years ago to help raise money for the synthetic turf football fields at Belleville East High School and Belleville West High School; and

**WHEREAS**, officially, the Belleville West High School football field is named 'Bob Goalby Field'; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Belleville recognizes that our community is blessed with many outstanding citizens such as Bob Goalby who go above and beyond all expectations in serving, strengthening and building Belleville, Illinois as a great Community of Character.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby recognize **Robert 'Bob' George Goalby** for his dedicated service to our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

  
Mark W. Eckert, Mayor  
Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017