



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 **Charles 'Charlie' A. Woodford** and his many contributions to the City of Belleville and to our country; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Woodford is a proud veteran of the United States Army Air Corps and served his country during World War II, earning two purple hearts; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Charlie Woodford began his involvement with Belleville East High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Charlie Woodford was elected the first president of the Lancer Booster Club and has remained active to this day; and

WHEREAS, since 1975, Charlie Woodford has remained active in the selection and presentation of the Lancer Booster Club All Tournament Team and Most Valuable Player awards; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Charlie Woodford and his late wife, Phyllis Woodford, started an official boys basketball program that is still active today, generating needed funds for Lancer athletics; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, a scholarship in Charlie Woodford's name was established for a graduating young man and woman; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Charlie Woodford was honored by the Illinois Athletic Director's Association with a plaque as a being a friend of athletics; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Charlie Woodford and his late wife, Phyllis Woodford, were inducted into the Belleville East Wall of Fame, recognizing individuals who through leadership and character have made exceptional contributions to the honor and prestige of Belleville East High School through outstanding achievement in the community and our society; and

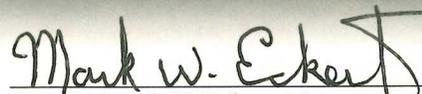
WHEREAS, Charlie Woodford has attended Lancer football games for over 50 years, missing only three games; and

WHEREAS, officially, the Belleville East High School football field is named "Charlie Woodford Field"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belleville recognizes that our community is blessed with many outstanding citizens such as Charlie Woodford 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 **Charles 'Charlie' A. Woodford** 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 18th day of December, 2017.


Mark W. Eckert, Mayor