

Proclamation

WHEREAS: *Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth with nearly 200 temples (chapters) in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world; and*

WHEREAS: *Shriners International founded and continues to support Shriners Hospitals for Children. The 22 health care locations provide pediatric specialty care to children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay; and*

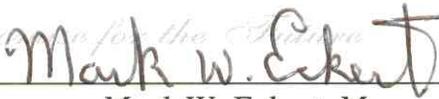
WHEREAS: *Membership in the Shriners fraternity offers the invaluable opportunity to build camaraderie and lifelong friendships with other men of character and upstanding values; and*

WHEREAS: *Shriners International offers its members professional development and leadership opportunities in their local communities and internationally; and*

WHEREAS: *It is fitting and appropriate to acknowledge and celebrate this wonderful fraternity and its rich history on the anniversary of the day the Imperial Council of Shriners International was formed - June 6, 1876.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2018, as **Shriners International Awareness Day**. I encourage all of our citizens to learn more about Shriners International and celebrate its many impressive achievements over the past 142 years.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Belleville, Illinois to be affixed this 21st day of May, in the year of our Lord, 2018.*

Pride in the Past . . . Progress for the Future

Mark W. Eckert, Mayor
May 21, 2018

