

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** *December 3, 2018, marks the 200th Anniversary of Illinois becoming the 21st state in the union; and*

**WHEREAS:** *the City of Belleville joins partners across the state in recognizing the Illinois Bicentennial, and celebrating what is BORN, BUILT, AND GROWN in Illinois throughout the year; and*

**WHEREAS:** *the Illinois Department of Human Rights is celebrating the Illinois Bicentennial by engaging at least 200 units of local government throughout the State of Illinois to join the Fairness and Equality Campaign; and*

**WHEREAS:** *the Fairness and Equality Campaign aims to celebrate and reaffirm the Land of Lincoln's rich history of valuing diversity, inclusion, and non-discrimination; and*

**WHEREAS:** *by supporting the Fairness and Equality Campaign, the City of Belleville hopes to inspire a welcoming and inclusive community that fosters greater understanding of others; and*

**WHEREAS:** *the City of Belleville is proud to support the Fairness and Equality Campaign and urges local units of government throughout the State to reaffirm that the Campaign's core principles are essential to an open, thriving, and diverse community.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim that Belleville is proud to support the Fairness and Equality Campaign in celebration of the Illinois Bicentennial, and encourage all residents to recognize and honor the core principles of diversity, inclusion, and non-discrimination in Illinois.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** *I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Belleville, Illinois to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord, 2018.*



*Mark W. Eckert*

Mark W. Eckert, Mayor  
August 31, 2018