

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Home Instead Senior Care, along with partners from non-profit and other agencies and businesses who provide services to senior adults throughout the year, combine efforts each year for a community service project called 'Be a Santa to a Senior'; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers of the 'Be a Santa to a Senior' program intend to positively impact the community by providing holiday cheer and gift-giving to senior adults who are least likely to receive a present during the holiday season and are lonely and/or financially challenged; and

**WHEREAS**, 'Be a Santa to a Senior' and its volunteers seek to eliminate the crushing effect of holiday isolation felt by many senior adults; and

**WHEREAS**, of the 5,422 persons over the age of 65 living in Belleville, nearly 27% live alone; and

**WHEREAS**, Home Instead Senior Care and the 'Be a Santa to a Senior' partners have a shared belief that our senior adults should not be alone or forgotten during the holidays since they have been instrumental in defining our communities; and

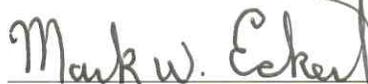
**WHEREAS**, 'Be a Santa to a Senior' volunteers intend to recognize and celebrate our senior adults and the invaluable contributions they continue to make to our city; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Belleville recognizes that our diverse population must be committed to improving the peace and well-being of our community and its focus on our seniors through the 'Be a Santa to a Senior' program.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 7, 2018, as '**Be a Santa to a Senior Day**' in the City of Belleville, Illinois, asking its citizens to join in the observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.



  
Mark W. Eckert, Mayor  
City of Belleville, Illinois