

Proclamation

Whereas, there are nearly six million supermarket employees in the United States; and

Whereas, in the Belleville area, there are 1,371 food retail jobs that generate approximately \$219 million in economic activity; and

Whereas, supermarket employees provide all Americans with access to safe, healthy, and affordable food; and

Whereas, supermarket employees work to enhance the health and well-being of each customer; and

Whereas, supermarket employees contribute and volunteer countless hours in their communities; and

Whereas, supermarket employees face unprecedented challenges keeping grocery shelves stocked during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, supermarket employees have and continue to meet and exceed these challenges while displaying courage, compassion, dedication, and leadership, as well as exemplifying customer service and community outreach; and

Whereas, the need for supermarket employees is greater than ever because of current and growing consumer demands as well as their reputation for excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, IL, do hereby proclaim, February 22, 2021, as Supermarket Employee Day in Belleville and call upon our citizens to join in honoring our Supermarket Heroes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed this 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

Pride in the Past . . . Promise for the Future

Mark W. Eckert

Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

Dated this 16th day of February, 2021

