



Proclamation

WHEREAS: *Law Day is a day of public acknowledgement of our Nation's and Illinois' heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law; and*

WHEREAS: *in 1958 President Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, and in 1961, Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1, Law Day; and*

WHEREAS: *the American Bar Association has declared the theme Law Day 2025 as "The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One"; and*

WHEREAS: *on July 4, 1776, representatives from thirteen disparate but United States of America declared independence from a tyrannical king and proposed as their motto, "E Pluribus Unum"-or "Out of Many, One"-a phrase symbolizing the unity of a nation founded on the ideals of liberty, equality, and justice; and*

WHEREAS: *the drafters of the Constitution, seeking to prevent tyranny by any one group, separated the powers of the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary among three branches of government, ensuring no one fraction could rule unchecked; and*

WHEREAS: *throughout our history, the American people have continued to pursue "Out of Many, One," including with the 14th Amendment granting citizenship to all born or naturalized in the United States and the 15th and 19th Amendments by extending voting rights regardless of race or sex; and*

WHEREAS: *while the United States has made great strides in realizing "E Pluribus Unum," inequalities still persist, and political polarization threatens our shared sense of community; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2025, as the celebration of **Law Day in the City of Belleville, Illinois.** I urge all residents, schools, businesses and civic leaders, legal professionals, and law students to support the National Law Day celebration on May 3, 2025, by participating in Law Day activities.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Belleville, Illinois to be affixed this 3rd day of May, in the year of our Lord, 2025.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jenny Gain Meyer", is written over a horizontal line.

Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor