

Proclamation

WHEREAS: in 1999, Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month; and

WHEREAS: National Military Appreciation Month serves as a declaration that encourages United States citizens to observe the month as a symbol of unity; and

WHEREAS: National Military Appreciation Month honors the courageous men and women who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom; and

WHEREAS: the City of Belleville pays tribute to the men and women stationed at Scott Air Force Base, and we acknowledge the significant contributions they provide to our country and to our community; and

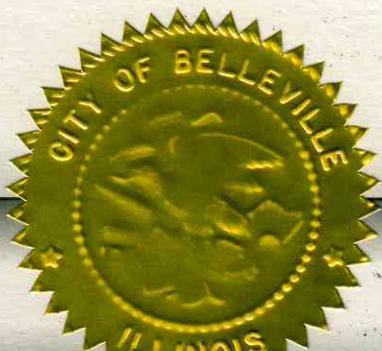
WHEREAS: the month of May encompasses several significant military-related observances, including Armed Forces Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, and Memorial Day.

WHEREAS: the City of Belleville will hold our annual Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2025. It is our hope that numerous residents will gather along the parade route to pay tribute to the individuals who have given their lives to protect our freedoms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as National Military Appreciation Month, I urge all residents to honor and recognize the contributions, sacrifices, and service of the members of the armed forces, past and present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Belleville, Illinois to be affixed this 5th day of May, in the year of our Lord, 2025.

Pride in the Past... Promise for the Future



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

Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor
May 5, 2025