

Proclamation

WHEREAS, today, we honor *Celeste Stiehl* on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, *Celeste Stiehl* was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 7, 1925, to George and Celeste Margaret Sullivan (nee Schramm); and

WHEREAS, *Celeste* grew up on Signal Hill Boulevard and attended Blessed Sacrament and the Academy of Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, *Celeste* met William Stiehl, and they married in 1947; and

WHEREAS, together they have two children: William Jr. (Mary), and Susan (Bruce) Guthrie; and

WHEREAS, together they have four grandchildren: Katie (Frauenfelder) Stiehl, Christina Stiehl-Austin, William Guthrie, and Andrew Guthrie, and a great-granddaughter, Gretchen Frauenfelder; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, *Celeste* ran for the 57th Legislative District and was elected as the first woman legislator from this area; and

WHEREAS, *Celeste* was the first female Republican minority whip in 1976; and

WHEREAS, *Celeste* served until the districts were redrawn in 1982; and

WHEREAS, *Celeste* became the first female director of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce in 1988; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, *Celeste* introduced the mine subsidence legislation and served on the Illinois State Mine Subsidence Board from 1975 until 1999; and

WHEREAS, *Celeste Stiehl* is known for her unconditional love for her family, strong character, devout leadership, commitment to our community, and volunteerism spirit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby join family and friends and proclaim September 7, 2025, as '**Celeste Stiehl Day**' in the City of Belleville in honor of her 100th birthday.

Pride in the Past . . . Promise for the Future

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed, this 2nd day of September, 2025.



Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor
Dated this 2nd day of September, 2025