



PROCLAMATION



Illinois Bicentennial 1818 – 2018

WHEREAS, Sunday, December 3, 2017, marks Illinois' 199th birthday, as Illinois became the 21st state in the union on December 3, 1818; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Bicentennial will be a yearlong celebration between December 3, 2017, and December 3, 2018, which will be our state's 200th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Bicentennial will remind us all that, every day in Illinois, amazing things are BORN, BUILT & GROWN; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Bicentennial will honor the many ways that Illinois has influenced American history, achievement, culture, innovation, and more; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Bicentennial is a once-in-a-lifetime invitation to fall in love with Illinois all over again; and

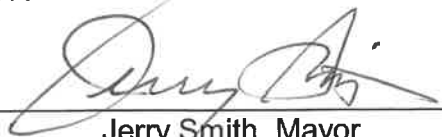
WHEREAS, together, we can inspire pride in Illinois and show the world what makes this state so great; and

WHEREAS, our community should encourage citizens, organizations, businesses, congregations, and cultural and education institutions to participate in the yearlong celebration by submitting applications for endorsement of their events and projects by the Illinois Bicentennial on the PARTICIPATE page at illinois200.com; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of DeKalb endorses the efforts of Illinois Bicentennial and encourages all citizens to participate and celebrate in the upcoming year by visiting illinois200.com and using the hashtag #IllinoisProud.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of DeKalb, this 11th day of December, 2017.


Jerry Smith, Mayor