



# PROCLAMATION

April 25, 2019



**Whereas**, April 25, 2019 marks National Get on Board Day, a day to showcase the benefits and build support for public transportation, as public transit offers economic opportunity and powers community growth by driving economic development and revitalizing neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, every \$1 invested in public transportation generates approximately \$4 in economic returns; and

**Whereas**, public transportation is a \$71 billion industry that directly employs 420,000 people and supports millions of private sector jobs; and

**Whereas**, 87 percent of public transit trips directly impact the economy by connecting people to jobs and retail and entertainment venues; and

**Whereas**, public transportation, helps people save money, helps the environment, and improves America's quality of life; and

**Whereas**, where public transportation goes, communities grow and prosper.

**Therefore**, I, Jerry Smith, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, proclaim April 25, 2019 as National Get on Board Day in DeKalb and join with public transportation agencies across the country and participate in National Get on Board Day by showcasing the benefits and building support for public transportation on April 25, 2019.



**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb, to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2019.

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Jerry Smith, Mayor