WHEREAS, the history of the Northern Illinois University Student Association reveals a legacy of student activism that has become an integral component of higher education throughout the surrounding area of DeKalb, the state of Illinois and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the activism and social climate of the late 1960’s contributed to the strong, viable organization that the Student Association has grown to become; and

WHEREAS, this same ambition and determination have allowed the City of DeKalb and the Northern Illinois University Student Association to collaborate on multiple initiatives in the recent past; and

WHEREAS, the thousands of individuals that have contributed to the Student Association and what it means to students should be recognized and commended for making the Northern Illinois University Student Association one of the most successful student governments in the state; and

WHEREAS, 2019 commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the Student Association, years marked by partnership and progress shared by students, administrators, and all members of the NIU community; now

THEREFORE, I, Jerry Smith, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 23, 2019, as Northern Illinois University Student Association Day in the City of DeKalb, and ask the citizens of DeKalb and all NIU students to join me in extending congratulations and appreciation on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb, to be affixed this 22nd day of April 2019.

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Jerry Smith, Mayor