

## **PROCLAMATION**



## A Community Combats COVID

WHEREAS, the DeKalb Community is suffering as are all residents worldwide with the current coronavirus crisis; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb Community has been asked to adhere to certain measures mandated or suggested by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), State of Illinois, and the DeKalb County Health Department; and

**WHEREAS,** the DeKalb Community continues to express its appreciation to our First Responders - Police, Fire, and Health Professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb Community likewise is indebted to those in occupations deemed essential, including grocery store employees, truck drivers, postal service workers, and government employees including our very own City of DeKalb staff; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb Community appreciates the hard work exhibited by area teachers, students and School District staffers in continuing to focus on e-learning and remote instruction procedures; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb Community is very much aware of how important nutrition is to those who are currently unemployed or struggling to make ends meet, and is fortunate to have excellent coordination between food pantries, DeKalb County Community Gardens and our School District to address these needs; and

WHEREAS, our small businesses led by DeKalb County UNITES are devising creative and imaginative ways to stay in business, but are anxious to see what steps may be taken as we take small steps in re-opening our economy.

**THEREFORE,** I, Jerry Smith, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do strongly encourage all citizens to continue their diligence in adhering to measures promoting public safety, especially in social distancing and wearing masks while in public places and commercial establishments.



**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2020.

ERRY SMITH, Mayor