



# PROCLAMATION



## Illinois Department of Human Rights “Fairness and Equality Campaign”

**WHEREAS**, December 3, 2018, marks the 200th anniversary of Illinois becoming the 21st state in the union; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeKalb joins partners across the state in recognizing the Illinois Bicentennial, and celebrating what is BORN, BUILT, AND GROWN in Illinois throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Human Rights is celebrating the Illinois Bicentennial by engaging at least 200 units of local government throughout the State of Illinois to join the Fairness and Equality Campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fairness and Equality Campaign aims to celebrate and reaffirm the Land of Lincoln's rich history of valuing diversity, inclusion, and non-discrimination; and

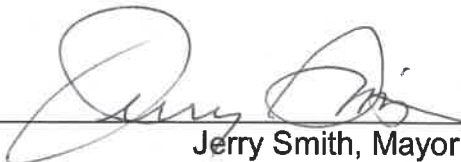
**WHEREAS**, by supporting the Fairness and Equality Campaign, the City of DeKalb hopes to inspire a welcoming and inclusive community that fosters greater understanding of others; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeKalb is proud to support the Fairness and Equality Campaign and urges local units of government throughout the State to reaffirm that the Campaign's core principles are essential to an open, thriving, and diverse community;

**THEREFORE**, I, Jerry Smith, Mayor of DeKalb, do hereby proclaim that the City of DeKalb, is proud to support the Fairness and Equality Campaign in celebration of the Illinois Bicentennial, and encourage all residents to recognize and honor the core principles of diversity, inclusion, and nondiscrimination in Illinois.



**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb, to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

  
Jerry Smith, Mayor