



PROCLAMATION



Youth Outlook

WHEREAS, the Vision Statement contained in the City of DeKalb’s 2025 Strategic Plan declares that “Diversity is valued and celebrated, with all people treated with dignity, equity and respect”; and

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb discourages unlawful discrimination and strongly supports the equal treatment of all individuals regardless of sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb is aware that discrimination and emotional trauma experienced by members of the LGBTQ+ community continues at varying levels and support is an ongoing need; and

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb is also aware that the Youth Outlook organization developed Drop-in Centers to provide support to the LGBTQ+ youth who often experience discrimination, abuse and emotional trauma due to their sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb is pleased to have a location of the Youth Outlook’s Drop-in Center be at the First Congregational Church in DeKalb; and

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb is the site for the Drop-in Center in DeKalb County as one of six counties in northwestern Illinois served by the Youth Outlook organization; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Outlook organization is celebrating its 20th year of providing services in northern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Outlook organization will honor its years of services at a November 3, 2018 Youth Outlook’s 20th Anniversary Gala.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jerry Smith, as Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do hereby proclaim that DeKalb will continue to support its LGBTQ+ community and want to officially thank and congratulate the Youth Outlook organization on its 20 years of providing support and outreach to the LGBTQ+ youth in the six northern Illinois counties including DeKalb County with its Drop-in Center in our city.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb, to be affixed this 22nd day of October, 2018.


Jerry Smith, Mayor