



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church at 905 North Clay Avenue will celebrate its 170th anniversary at services on June 25, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the church, founded in 1846 by Reverend Phillip Ward of Bloomington, is currently in its fourth location with an approximate membership of forty (40); and

WHEREAS, Bethel AME hopes to foster relationships among the local churches through exchanges and joint services and has developed connections with Community Temple, House of Worship, Mount Emory, Spirit of Faith and Church of Faith and Deliverance; and

WHEREAS, the morning services at 11:00 a.m. on June 25th will include former Pastor Reverend Dr. James C. Bailey and current Pastor Cynthia Newman as part of the anniversary celebration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ezard, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2016 as

BETHEL AME CHURCH DAY

in the City of Jacksonville, Illinois and congratulate the church, its pastor and the congregation on its 170th anniversary and its efforts to reach out to others in our community,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Jacksonville to be affixed this 25th day of June 2016.



Andy Ezard

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Mayor