



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 27, 2016, friends, family and the community will gather together to honor Ruth Linear as the recipient of the 2016 NAACP Award for Community Service and to commend her for her dedicated volunteerism and service to the Jacksonville community; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Ruth's career followed in the path of education starting as a Special Needs Teacher Aide at Lincoln School in 1964, and continuing in the later years as a Certified Classroom Teacher Assistant, until her retirement in 2005; and

WHEREAS, throughout her time in Jacksonville, Mrs. Linear has been active in a number of community and social service organizations, including the Jacksonville Area Community Food Center Board of Directors, the Woodlawn Farm Underground Railroad Site, the Jacksonville Juneteenth Ujima Organization, Do What It Takes Committee, Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living, 2nd Vice President of the Jacksonville NAACP, and currently Ruth serves as the Assistant Secretary of the Jacksonville Area Genealogical & Historical Society and as Church Historian of the historic Mount Emory Baptist Church, where she is a devoted fifty-year member; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Linear's main interest is in preserving the History of the Black Community where she has performed plays and given many presentations at Jacksonville School District #117, Illinois School for the Deaf, Illinois School for the Visually Impaired and Illinois College regarding the History of Our Heritage; and

WHEREAS, Ruth is the wife of the late John Linear, a loving mother to Jerry, Terry and Todd, and a grandmother of ten grandchildren and great-grandmother of six; and her tremendous love of family has been an inspiration to all,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ezard, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim February 27, 2016 as **RUTH LINEAR DAY** in the City of Jacksonville and encourage our citizens to join in extending our sincere appreciation and thank you to Ruth Linear for her service and preservation of black history in the Jacksonville community. On this special day we congratulate you as the recipient of the 2016 NAACP Award for Community Service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Jacksonville to be affixed this 27th day of February 2016.



Andy Ezard

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Mayor