



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sigma Phi Epsilon Literary Society was established for women at Illinois College in Jacksonville in 1916 and was founded by Bernice Wheeler, Lucy Gray Gatling and Anne Pessel to promote Knowledge, Love and Service; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Phi Epsilon Literary Society has fostered 100 years of Knowledge, boasting 55 members of Phi Beta Kappa and by establishing a scholarship for students in years to come; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Phi Epsilon Literary Society has fostered 100 years of Literary Excellence, providing literary opportunities on campus by holding regular literary productions and winning the Love Cup for Literary Excellence numerous times; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Phi Epsilon Literary Society has fostered 100 years of Love for our sisters in an unbroken circle of friendship and loyalty; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Phi Epsilon Literary Society has provided many hours of service to the Jacksonville community and its alumnae have provided many hours of service to communities across the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Phi Epsilon Literary Society has fostered 100 years of dedication to Illinois College donating more to Illinois College's Annual Fund than any other literary society; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Phi Epsilon Literary Society has grown in an ever-expanding circle with 620 alumnae currently living and 41 of whom currently live in Jacksonville,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ezard, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2016 as **SIGMA PHI EPSILON LITERARY SOCIETY DAY** in the City of Jacksonville and commend its alumnae, past and present, for their decades of service and contributions that have benefited the citizens of Jacksonville and its community for the past 100 years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Jacksonville to be affixed this 1st day of October 2016.



Andy Ezard
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Mayor