



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, residents of Jacksonville pride themselves on greeting friends and travelers alike with a warm welcome. Our famous Midwest hospitality, along with our town's great natural and historic beauty, unique attractions, comfortable accommodations, and exciting experiences, makes Jacksonville a home away from home to many; and

WHEREAS, from baseball to fishing, Looking for Lincoln to Underground Railroad, an award winning Main Street to enjoying live music around the square, there is so much to mention! The Governor Duncan Mansion, the Jacksonville Symphony, the Strawn Art Gallery, two private colleges and one community college, the Illinois School for the Deaf and the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, as well as unique dining and shopping. Jacksonville has a broad range of events and attractions to capture a visitor's eye; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism matters to Jacksonville residents and have long been recognized for their importance to our town's economy. In addition, visitor spending in the Jacksonville area generated \$47.03 million dollars in 2015 and \$940,000 in local tax revenue and directly supported 280 new jobs with earnings of \$7.73 million dollars in payroll; and

WHEREAS, now, I encourage everyone to visit the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau website to explore tourism opportunities in your own backyard and experience and enjoy all that Jacksonville has to offer while celebrating the importance of travel and tourism and the positive effects it has on our local economy,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY EZARD, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2017 as **NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK** in the City of Jacksonville and urge all citizens of Jacksonville to join me in this special observance of and appreciation for tourism in Jacksonville.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Jacksonville to be affixed this 11th day of May 2017.



Andy Ezard

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Mayor