

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS  
PROCLAMATION**

**Chamber of Commerce Week 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Chamber of Commerce works with the businesses, merchants, and industry to advance the civic, economic, industrial, professional and cultural life of the City of Washington, Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, chambers of commerce have contributed to the civic and economic life of Illinois for 180 years since the founding of the Galena Chamber of Commerce in 1838; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the state's leading broad-based business organization; and,

**WHEREAS**, the chamber of commerce and its members provide citizens with a strong business environment that increases employment, the retail trade and commerce, and industrial growth in order to make the City of Washington a better place to live; and,

**WHEREAS**, the chamber of commerce encourages the growth of existing industries, services, and commercial firms and encourages new firms and individuals to locate in the City of Washington; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois is the home to international chambers of commerce, the Great Lakes Region Office of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and more than 400 local chambers of commerce; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, a professional development organization for the chamber of commerce professionals.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gary W. Manier, Mayor of the City of Washington, Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as Chamber of Commerce Week in Washington, Illinois and call its significance to the citizens of Washington.

**PROCLAIMED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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Gary W. Manier, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk