

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY “ROOTS” CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS,** the Washington Historical Society annually honors an individual with “roots” in Washington that has gone on to make a significant contribution to society; and

**WHEREAS,** Phil Bremen is a graduate of Washington District 308 High School and while attending high school he was a reporter, photographer, and newscaster for WMBD-TV and radio in Peoria; and

**WHEREAS,** Phil Bremen earned his bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and his master’s degree in communication studies from Ball State; and

**WHEREAS,** Phil Bremen was a network television correspondent for NBC News, covering parts of five continents from bureaus in Miami, Frankfurt, and London, and during his time with NBC, covered the Iran-Iraq war, the Lebanese civil war, and served as NBC’s acting bureau chief in Moscow; and

**WHEREAS,** Phil Bremen was a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves and was honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash and a Kentucky Colonel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary W. Manier, Mayor of the City of Washington, Illinois,** do hereby proclaim September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as:

**“Washington Historical Society “Roots” Celebration Day”**

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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Gary W. Manier, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk