

**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION**

Graduate Recognition Day

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 academic year and commencement ceremonies have been suspended due to the global coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, families, friends, neighbors and educators should encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all young people, and honor their hard work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington students have contributed greatly to our community; and

WHEREAS, the most efficient way to bring awareness to the value of education and to honor graduates is through everyone's active participation in community activities and to the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's abilities, talents, and contributions and the importance of education; and

WHEREAS, during this generational challenge, our students represent a bright future and will continue along the path of service and leadership in our community and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary W. Manier, Mayor of the City of Washington, on behalf of the Washington City Council, congratulate all student graduates and do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 20, 2020 as

Class of 2020 Graduate Recognition Day

in the City of Washington, and encourage everyone to take time this day to recognize and acknowledge the impact of all graduates in our lives.

PROCLAIMED this 18th day of May, 2020.

Gary W. Manier, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk