



City of Washington, Illinois Proclamation

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, Christian Vercler grew up in Washington and is a graduate of Washington District 308 High School; and

Whereas, Christian Vercler earned his bachelor’s degree in biology and a master’s degree in Theological Studies from Wheaton College; and

Whereas, Christian Vercler attended University of Illinois for Medical School, and earned another Master’s Degree in Bioethics and general surgery training at Emory University; and

Whereas, Christian Vercler trained in plastic surgery at Harvard University for three years where he was part of team that conducted a number of pioneering face transplants; and

Whereas, Christian Vercler is an Associate Professor at the University of Michigan and is Co-Chief of their Clinical Ethics Service of the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine; and

Whereas, Christian Vercler serves as Chair of the Pediatric Ethics Committee of C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital, is Co-Chair of the Adult Ethics Committee at the Michigan Medicine, is Chair of the Michigan State Medical Society Bioethics Committee, and is Chair of the Ethics Committee of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons; and

Whereas, Christian Vercler has performed thousands of surgeries, including a highly publicized surgery to separate conjoined twins at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital with Washington High School Graduate and fellow 2021 Roots Recipient, Marcus Jarboe.

Now, Therefore, I, Gary W. Manier, Mayor of the City of Washington, Illinois, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2022 as:

Washington Historical Society “Roots” Celebration Day

PROCLAIMED this 18th day of January, 2022

Gary W. Manier, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Valeri L Brod, City Clerk