



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, on Friday, August 25, 2023 Washington Community High School kicks off its 100th Panther Football Season; and

Whereas, the Washington Panthers Football program recognizes the following significant accomplishments:

- 1924 the Panthers had their first win, beating Dwight 24-10;
- 1983 the Panthers reached their first State Championship competition;
- 1983 Charlie Fuller established the 12th Man organization of help provide support through additional funding;
- 1985 the Panthers won their first State Championship game;
- 1986 the Panthers had their first undefeated season;
- 1987 the Panthers had their second undefeated season;
- 2013 the Panthers went 12-1, leading the team to the Quarter Finals and uniting our community after an EF4 tornado;
- 2014 Babcock Field received synthetic turf;
- 2023 as of this date the Panther Football record is 561 wins, 353 losses, and 16 ties; and
- 2023 the Panthers celebrate their 100th season of Panther Football; and

Whereas, 2023 will mark the final season for Head Football Coach, Darrell Crouch; and

Whereas, the City of Washington recognizes the entities that contribute alongside the football team, such as the WCHS students, fans, Marching Panthers, Panther Cheerleaders, WCHS faculty, WCHS authentic department, WCHS Booster Club, WCHS Student Executive Board and the many concession volunteers; and

Whereas, the City of Washington celebrates, along with Washington Panther Alumni Association, Washington Community High School and the Washington Panthers 12th Man organization, by recognizing 100 years of the Washington Panther Football program;

Now, Therefore, I, MAYOR GARY W. MANIER, Mayor of the CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS do hereby proclaim, this 2023 Washington Community High School Football Season, as

Washington Football Centennial Celebration Season

and do by encourage our community to support the WCHS Panthers during this celebratory season.



GARY W. MANIER, MAYOR

Proclaimed this 21st day of August, 2023

ATTEST:

Valeri L Brod, City Clerk