



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, Joyce Blumenshine grew up in Washington and is a graduate of Washington District 308 High School; and

Whereas, Joyce Blumenshine has been a tireless advocate for environmental issues since the 1970s; and

Whereas, Joyce served as the Conservation Chair for the Illinois chapter of the Sierra Club for two decades; and

Whereas, Joyce has, at her own cost, travelled to public meetings at the Illinois State Capitol and at city council meetings throughout the state to advocate on behalf of environmental issues in order to protect clean water, clean air, and preserve habitat; and

Whereas, the Illinois House of Representatives in 2009 passed a resolution recognizing Joyce’s “efforts to protect and preserve Illinois’ environment.” The resolution called Joyce “a leader in stopping pollution of rivers, streams, and wetlands from coal mine runoff”; and

Whereas, In November 2022, the Sierra Club’s Illinois Chapter named Joyce a Prairie Protector; and

Now, therefore, I Gary W. Manier, Mayor of the City of Washington, Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2024 as:

“Washington Historical Society “Roots” Celebration Day”

Proclaimed this 16th day of September, 2024

Gary W. Manier, Mayor

ATTEST: Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk