



Proclamation

Whereas, Mayor Gary W. Manier faithfully and honorably served the City of Washington, Illinois, as Mayor for twenty-four years, guiding the community with commitment, vision, and love of Washington; and

Whereas, under his leadership, Washington experienced significant growth, economic development, and infrastructure improvements that strengthened the city's foundation for generations to come; and

Whereas, through his commitment to collaboration and service, Gary W. Manier brought together citizens, organizations, and resources to help establish Five Points Washington, a community center that stands today as a cornerstone for recreation, culture, and connection, enriching the lives of residents in the community; and

Whereas, his compassionate leadership during times of crisis, including the November 17, 2013 tornado, exemplified courage, resilience, and the spirit of unity that define the community of Washington; and

Whereas, through his dedication to building strong relationships with state and federal representatives, senators, congressmen, and governors, Gary W. Manier fostered relationships that brought valuable resources, opportunities, and recognition to the City of Washington, making it a community where people are proud to live, eager to visit, and inspired to establish and grow their businesses;

Whereas, his legacy will endure in the thriving community he helped shape, the projects he brought to life, and the countless lives he touched with his leadership;

Now, therefore, I, Lilija Stevens, Mayor of the City of Washington, Illinois, on behalf of the Washington City Council, do hereby recognize and honor Mayor Gary W. Manier for his extraordinary twenty-four years of service, leadership, and dedication to the people of Washington, and expresses profound gratitude for his commitment to making Washington a place we are proud to call home.

Proclaimed this 18th day of August, 2025

Lilija Stevens, Mayor

ATTEST: Valeri L Brod, City Clerk