

**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 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
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Gary W. Manier, Mayor