



City of Washington, Illinois Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1936, the 74th Congress declared that the last Sunday in September shall hereafter be designated and known as “Gold Star Mother’s Day;” and

WHEREAS, in 2016, President Barack Obama Proclaimed that beginning on September 25, 2016, the last Sunday in September should be known as “Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day;” and

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of our Armed Forces represent the very best of our Nation, matched only by the families who walk beside them in their service, and on this Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day, we solemnly honor the memory of every lost Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, and Coast Guardsman and humbly grieve with their families who persevere with remarkable courage, strength, and grace; and

WHEREAS, we hold in our hearts the Gold Star Mothers and Families who deserve our utmost respect, admiration, and support for their tenacity and resilience, and for the work they do to preserve the memory of those who gave their lives for our country; and

WHEREAS, the true strength and success of our Armed Forces is found in the love, support, and unity of our Nation’s military families, and this is reflected best in our country’s inspirational Gold Star Mothers and Families whose ability to overcome, persist, prevail, and in turn, enrich the lives of others, exemplifies the true American Spirit; and

WHEREAS, Americans of every generation owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women who gave their lives in service to this Nation and to their families, so that on this day of remembrance, we may hold these families in our hearts, remember them in our prayers, support them in our words and deeds, and join them in honoring their hero’s ultimate sacrifice;

Now, therefore, do I, Gary W. Manier, Mayor of the City of Washington, hereby proclaim Sunday, September 26, 2021, as

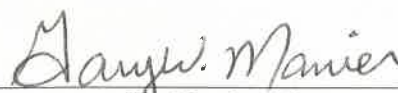
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and I do further encourage the Citizens of Washington to display the United States Flag as a public expression of our gratitude and respect for our Gold Star Mothers and Families.

PROCLAIMED this 20th day of September, 2021.

ATTEST:


Valeri L Brod, City Clerk


Gary W. Manier, Mayor