

City of Wheaton, Illinois



PROCLAMATION

WHEATON'S HALE STREET TENTS DAY

WHEREAS, in 2020, in response to state-imposed restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Wheaton closed a block of Hale Street - between Front and Wesley Streets – in downtown Wheaton to permit the installation of two large tents, creating an outdoor dining space to support local restaurants and allow them to safely continue operations; and

WHEREAS, the initiative fostered a vibrant, festival-like atmosphere and promoted a strong sense of community, while increasing public awareness of Wheaton's downtown business district and its diverse commercial offerings; and

WHEREAS, restaurants have dedicated spaces under the tents for a five-month season, complete with their own tables, chairs, décor and staff, providing residents and visitors with a wide array of dining experiences; and

WHEREAS, the success of this initiative has led to its continuation annually, and in 2025, the City of Wheaton and the Downtown Wheaton Association will celebrate the fifth year of dining under the tents on Hale Street, continuing the tradition of the festival-type atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, this annual tradition enhances the cultural and social fabric of Wheaton and has evolved into a beloved community event, featuring exceptional outdoor dining opportunities paired with live entertainment at various downtown locations and in Wheaton's other shopping districts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton proudly invites everyone to experience the unique charm of our City and encourages dining, shopping and gathering in Wheaton.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Wheaton, Illinois, does hereby proclaim Monday, May 5th, 2025, as **"Wheaton's Hale Street Tents Day"** in the City of Wheaton and welcomes all residents and visitors to join in the celebration of this cherished community tradition and support the local business community in making Downtown Wheaton a destination.

DATED this 5th day of May 2025.

ATTEST:

The signature of Andrea Rosedale, City Clerk, in blue ink.

The signature of Philip J. Suess, Mayor, in blue ink.

Mayor, Philip J. Suess

