



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Wheaton community has benefited from contributions by various individuals over the years who, through their actions, have contributed to making Wheaton a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Richard Gerig, who has been actively involved with the City of Wheaton, its institutions and its residents since 1945; and

WHEREAS, Richard served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Richard served for over 30 years in a management position in the Public Relations Department at Wheaton College from 1958 to his retirement in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Richard demonstrated his faith, love of history and commitment to Wheaton throughout the years by being a founding member of the Wheaton Historic Preservation Council and contributing weekly columns for the Daily Herald on behalf of the WHPC, co-founding the Wheaton Leadership Prayer Breakfast, serving on the board of directors of the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce and the DuPage Heritage Gallery, his service on the City's Community Relations and Sister City Commissions, and serving as the music director, as well as on the board of elders, for Wheaton Bible Church – just to name a few of his activities on behalf of the Wheaton community; and

WHEREAS, Richard has resided in the Windsor Park Retirement Community for the past several years and continued his community service as a choral director/coordinator and by currently serving as a Bible teacher at that retirement community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Gresk, Mayor, together with the City Council of Wheaton, Illinois, do hereby proclaim Richard Gerig as an Outstanding Citizen of Wheaton in recognition of his dedication and contributions to the betterment of the Wheaton community.

DATED this 16th day of January 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk