



# PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the residents of Wheaton approved the formation of the Wheaton Park District by a three-to-one majority in a referendum on May 28, 1921; and

Whereas, the Park District established Memorial Park on the former estate of Judge Elbert Gary in 1922 in honor of the 500 Wheaton soldiers who served in World War I; and

Whereas, the Park District has developed and maintained its now 54 parks, playgrounds, pools, athletic fields, ponds, trails, golf course, nationally accredited zoo, special facilities, and other recreation amenities providing a diversity of healthy leisure pursuits and enjoyment for Wheaton residents and throughout DuPage County; and

Whereas, the Park District has helped protect the natural world by maintaining 810 acres of green space and engaging in conservation initiatives and a heightened appreciation for our natural world through Cosley Zoo and the Lincoln Marsh Natural Area; and

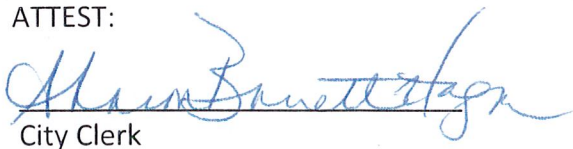
Whereas the Park District through land acquisition has conserved open space and contributed to the beautification of our community through projects such as the lagoon at Northside Park (1930-1935), the creation of Atten, Graf, and Seven Gables Parks (1970s), Arrowhead Golf Club (1982), and the 150-acres that is now known as Lincoln Marsh Natural Area (1980s-1990s); and

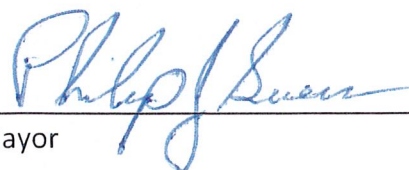
Whereas the Park District through ongoing capital planning and development has committed financial resources and countless labor hours to the construction of the Community Center and Rice Pool & Water Park (1989-1990) and most recently the \$5 million dollar renovation of the park district's original park, Memorial Park (2020).

Now, therefore, together with the Wheaton City Council, I hereby extend our sincere congratulations to the Wheaton Park District in celebration and recognition of 100 years of service to the Wheaton community.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor