



# PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the residents of Wheaton established the Wheaton Drama Club some years prior to World War I and later suspended performances due to the war; and

Whereas, the members of the Women's Department of Wheaton reformed a drama club in 1927; and

Whereas, members of that drama club passed a set of by-laws in 1930 and elected its first president, J. Watt Reber; and established the Wheaton Drama Club in 1931. Public performances were suspended between 1935-1936 due to the Great Depression and during World War II with the exception of a highly successful benefit performance in 1943 for the U.S.O.; and


Whereas, the Wheaton Drama Club became Wheaton Drama, Inc. in 1978 and performed in various rental locations until purchasing a used bookstore at 111 N. Hale Street and converting it into a 175-seat theater; and

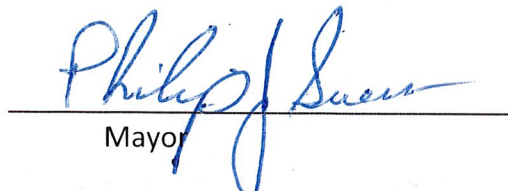
Whereas, Wheaton Drama is one of the oldest community theaters in Illinois, now celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, entertaining countless audience members with more than 300 dramas, comedies and musicals throughout its history, in addition to a new season set to begin in September 2021 after a one-year hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, therefore, together with the Wheaton City Council, I hereby extend our sincere congratulations to Wheaton Drama, Inc. in celebration and recognition of more than 90 years of enriching the dramatic arts for the Wheaton community.

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2021.

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor