



# PROCLAMATION

**P2014-04**

**WHEREAS**, The DeKalb County Spelling Bee is an annual event, with participants from all eight public school districts and two private schools, and

**WHEREAS**, the original date for the Bee was February 22nd, 2014, went 3.5 hours which translated to seventy-four rounds and over two hundred words, and

**WHEREAS**, the championship spell-off was held on March 8, 2014 and went only six rounds when Keith Mokry from Somonauk Middle School won the head-to-head battle, and was awarded an all-expenses-paid trip to National Harbor, MD to compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, and

**WHEREAS**, this marathon Spelling Bee made national attention, and also international attention when Sydney, Australia picked up the story,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the DeKalb County Board hereby acknowledges and commends Keith Mokry for his accomplishments, and we wish him good luck at the national competition held from May 25th, 2014 through May 31, 2014.

*Given at Sycamore, Illinois, this 16th Day of April 2014, A.D.*

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**Jeffery L. Metzger**, Chairman of the Board

**ATTEST:**

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**Douglas J. Johnson**, County Clerk & Recorder