



PROCLAMATION

P2014-03

WHEREAS, The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising vehicle benefiting Special Olympics Illinois, and

WHEREAS, the annual intrastate relay and its various fundraising projects have two goals: to raise money and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Illinois, and

WHEREAS, The Law Enforcement Torch Run has set the theme of "Lighting the Way" with the goal of inspiring police officers and departments to become passionate about raising money for Special Olympics, therefore allowing more athletes to experience the joy of participating in the program, and

WHEREAS, despite being up against some very large departments throughout the State, the Maple Park Police Department reached their goal of raising the most money in the entire State of Illinois, and

WHEREAS, the Maple Park Police Department and fellow Special Olympic supporters in the area raised more than \$63,000 for the 2013 Torch Run and are setting an even higher contribution goal for 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the DeKalb County Board hereby acknowledges and commends Chief Acosta and the entire Maple Park Police Department for all their hard work and dedication in raising money to benefit Special Olympics Illinois, making it possible for even more athletes to participate in, and enjoy the experience and growth, that comes from the Special Olympics Program.

Given at Sycamore, Illinois, this 19th Day of March 2014, A.D.

Jeffery L. Metzger, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Douglas J. Johnson, County Clerk & Recorder

*"Let me win, but if I cannot win, Let me be brave in the attempt."
--Special Olympic Oath*