



# PROCLAMATION

P2014-07

## ***"160 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MUSIC"***

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb Municipal Band has become known as the oldest continuous playing band in Illinois, and

**WHEREAS**, the Band formed in 1854 as a brass band, the DeKalb Silver Cornet Band, and

**WHEREAS**, by 1900, woodwind and percussion instruments had been added, making the band a concert band in need of a Director.

**WHEREAS**, the DeKalb Municipal Band has been under the leadership of four Directors from the community, three of them from the Palmer family, and the current Director, Kirk Lundbeck, a member of the Band for 35 years, and

**WHEREAS**, the current members consist of 60 local area residents, school teachers, college music majors, former members of U.S. Military Bands, and several professional musicians, and

**WHEREAS**, the dedication and hard work of this talented group of past and present musicians is commended and recognized by all of the citizens of DeKalb County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the DeKalb County Board does hereby recognize the accomplishments and contributions the DeKalb Municipal Band has provided for the citizens of DeKalb County, Illinois for the past 160 years, and do hereby encourage our citizens to express appreciation for their achievements as well as show their support and encouragement in all future endeavors.

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

**ATTEST:**

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

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