



DeKalb County Government
Proclamation
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A DEKALB COUNTY SALUTE TO
THE NATIONAL GUARD



Recognizing the Illinois National Guard's Support During the COVID-19 Crisis

WHEREAS, in a year unlike any others in the long and storied history of the Illinois National Guard, their mission, *"To provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or as otherwise provided by state law"* has been on full display, and

WHEREAS, an organization whose origins date back to the 1700's before Illinois even achieved statehood, these past tumultuous 16 months holds the unique distinction of marking the largest sustained domestic mobilization in the Illinois National Guard's proud history, and

WHEREAS, never in the Illinois National Guard's history has it responded here at home within Illinois's borders on such a large, sustained scale, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of DeKalb County, Illinois cannot thank our Citizen Soldiers, Airmen and Officers enough for performing exemplary work and displaying tremendous dedication through its efforts to protect the lives and welfare for DeKalb County residents during this unprecedented stretch while supporting and assisting the DeKalb County Health Department for over 10 weeks at a mass vaccination site located at Northern Illinois University, and


WHEREAS, many in the Illinois National Guard have put college or employment plans on hold, and all have sacrificed personal and family time to help DeKalb County and the State of Illinois in a time of great need, and

WHEREAS the burden placed on our Public Health personnel and healthcare workers, all essential workers and their families has been greatly diminished through the selfless sacrifice of the Illinois National Guard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the elected representatives of the citizens of DeKalb County, do hereby extend our sincerest gratitude and humble thanks for services rendered and continued sacrifices on behalf of your neighbors, friends, family and community.


Given at Sycamore, Illinois, this 16th Day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:


Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk



SIGNED:


John Frieders, Chairman
DeKalb County Board