

DeKalb County Government

Proclamation

P2022-01

- ALLIES FOR AGRICULTURE FOR DEKALB COUNTY -

WHEREAS, Illinois is home to more than 71,000 farms, 96% of which are family-owned and a third of which include livestock; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County accounts for 2,300 of those farms; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and related industries in the county generate total annual sales estimated at \$723.9 million; and

WHEREAS, farm property provides 13.7 percent of taxable value, which provides services to residents in DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, Illinois farmers support the food security of our citizens. The international pandemic displayed the importance of American food systems, processing and supply chain weaknesses; and

WHEREAS, new livestock development accounts for additional jobs creating additional economic growth within the County; and

WHEREAS, farmers are dedicated to caring for their animals in ways that also benefit the land. Using tools and technology to better manage soil nutrients, water runoff and air quality on the farm. Farmers are using fewer natural resources and reducing their carbon footprint while producing more food; and

WHEREAS, farmland is a finite resource that is vital to agriculture, food production, and the economic well-being of our county; and

WHEREAS, farmers in Illinois face multiple layers of regulations involving state and federal agencies providing a comprehensive, robust regulatory program for all farms including those raising livestock; and

WHEREAS, data and information from state regulatory agencies demonstrates environmental issues from agriculture are an extremely rare occurrence; and

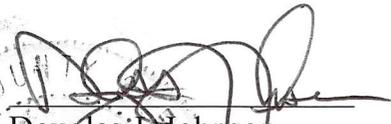
WHEREAS, the County Board recognizes the value agriculture contributes to our county and that the rural way of life is the backbone of our country. Efforts should be made to accommodate future success of the rural community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the DeKalb County Board of the County of DeKalb, Illinois hereby acknowledges and supports agriculture within our county. The jobs created, tax generated, technologies embraced, and environmental practices implemented by farmers makes agriculture a valuable industry within our county.

LET IT BE PROCLAIMED, the DeKalb County Board and County Staff will work to support and promote the development and maintenance of agriculture for the benefit of our county and all its residents.

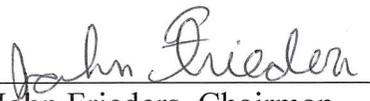
Given at Sycamore, Illinois, this 21st Day of September 2022.

ATTEST:


Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk



SIGNED:


John Frieders, Chairman
DeKalb County Board