

**RESOLUTION**

**R2024-040**

**A Resolution Recognizing National Agriculture Day**

Be it resolved by the County Board of the County of DeKalb, Illinois as follows:

On National Ag Day, DeKalb County recognizes the significant impact agriculture plays within our county, state and country. Agriculture is Illinois' number one industry and employs citizens across this state. From farm fields to urban farms, and to the manufacturing of food and fiber, agriculture is essential to the daily lives of American citizens.

WHEREAS, Illinois accounts for 70,700 farms, which equates to 26,300,000 acres.

WHEREAS, 96% of farms are family owned within Illinois.

WHEREAS, agriculture contributes a total of \$543.1 billion in agricultural products.

WHEREAS, the total value of crops in 2022 was \$281 billion, up 45% from 2017. For livestock, the value was \$262 billion, up 35%.


WHEREAS, the American farmer represents one of the oldest professions in our country. The farmer has evolved to embrace new technologies that protect our soil, water and air.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Board recognizes March 19, 2024, as National Agriculture Day. This board calls on our citizens to recognize and celebrate the contributions farmers and farm families have made to better the lives of our citizens.

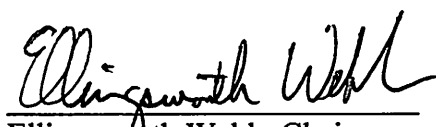
PASSED THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2024 AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

  
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Tasha Sims  
DeKalb County Clerk



  
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Ellingsworth Webb, Chair  
DeKalb County Board