

**-Mayoral Proclamation-**  
“Celebrating 40 years of the  
Piatt County Historical & Genealogical Society”

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Monticello to focus attention on noteworthy occasions and individuals, and organizations; and

WHEREAS America’s progress has been driven by pioneers who think big, take risks and work hard; and

WHEREAS it is important to document, report and educate the community on the historical events that led to what Monticello is today; and

WHEREAS seeing a need to collect, retain and make available to the public, the historical records and accountings of Piatt County, the Piatt County Historical Society was formed in 1918, and in 1979, discussed and officially became a joint historical and genealogical society combined; and

WHEREAS, the over the years, the Society achieved substantial tasks such as fundraising for space rental to physically house the operation and documents, collecting and documenting donated historical assets, modernizing records by creating digital scans of documents, and providing educational events like the Voices from the Past Cemetery Walks; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Piatt County Historical and Genealogical Society, under current leadership of officers Dee Lund, President; Kathleen Foster, Vice President; Kay Gilbreath, Secretary; and Maynard Suhre, Treasurer; celebrates 40 years serving the Piatt County community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY STONER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Monticello, County of Piatt, State of Illinois, do hereby wish to honor and celebrate

**The Piatt County Historical and Genealogical Society**

For their contribution and service to Piatt County and City of Monticello, and ask that all citizens join with me and the members of the City of Monticello City Council in wishing them all the best as they continue to serve the community.

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