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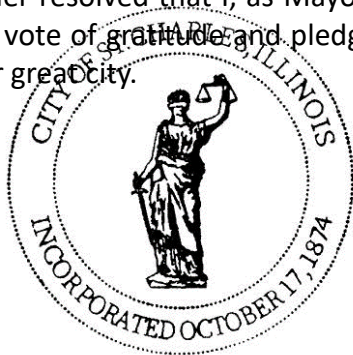
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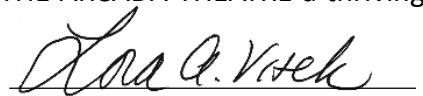
ARCADA THEATRE 95th ANNIVERSARY

- WHEREAS,** The ARCADA THEATRE opened on September 6, 1926, and was built by Lester J. Norris, an illustrator and industrialist, at a cost of \$500,000; and
- WHEREAS,** The ARCADA THEATRE serves the entertainment needs of St. Charles and Fox Valley residents and is one of the few Vaudeville-era theatres in the United States that has remained open consistently during its existence; and
- WHEREAS,** The first show was an “Our Gang” comedy short film, “The Fourth Alarm” and Vaudeville performances by Fibber McGee & Molly, The Jordans, and Lora Marie Harrington and her Gypsy Wayfarers; and
- WHEREAS,** The original Marr & Colton pipe organ was renovated and re-tooled by the Geneva Organ Company and maintained by the Chicago Area Theatre Organ Enthusiasts; and
- WHEREAS,** The Onesti Entertainment Corporation assumed sole responsibility and management of the ARCADA THEATRE in June of 2005, and
- WHEREAS,** Frontier Development, Curt & Anna Hurst and Conrad Hurst, assumed ownership of the building in May 2019 and have raised the theatre to a new level of beauty and comfort, fostering the legacy of the iconic entertainment venue for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS,** Ron and Rich Onesti and their devoted staff have successfully maintained the historic nature of ARCADA THEATRE while at the same time making it one of the most popular, relevant, and loved entertainment venues in the Midwest.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lora Vitek, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, call on the citizens of St. Charles to recognize the efforts made by The Onesti Entertainment Corporation to foster the grand legacy of our downtown gem, THE ARCADA THEATRE.

And be it further resolved that I, as Mayor, and as a representative of the people of St. Charles, extend a deep vote of gratitude and pledge support to keeping THE ARCADA THEATRE a thriving pinnacle of our great City.




Lora A. Vitek, Mayor