

## **AMERICA IN BLOOM WEEK 2016**

WHEREAS,
America in Bloom envisions communities across the country as welcoming and vibrant places to live, work, and play - benefitting from colorful plants and trees; enjoying clean environments; celebrating heritage; and planting pride through volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, America in Bloom promotes nationwide beautification through education and community involvement by encouraging the use of flowers, plants, trees, and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements; and

WHEREAS, Participants experience better cooperation among municipal, commercial and residential sectors because everyone works toward a common goal. They enjoy visible results. Cared-for buildings and properties, colorful plants, and a clean environment are reflections of a thriving, caring municipality. America in Bloom helps spread the message: This is a great place to live, work, play, and visit; and

WHEREAS, America in Bloom brings residents together who might not normally work collaboratively on common goals. Their participation often becomes a springboard for positive momentum to do more to improve their cities, and a catalyst for positive change; and

WHEREAS, Benefits of participation can include improved property values, increased volunteerism, and increased tourism.

**NOW, THEREFORE I,** Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, do hereby proclaim **July 11**<sup>th</sup> - **15**<sup>th</sup>, **2016**, **to be AMERICA IN BLOOM WEEK** and call upon the citizens of St. Charles to assist with the enhancement of the City by planting the beautiful colors of summer.

Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor