



City of St. Charles

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Proclamation

THE ARCADE THEATRE 90TH ANNIVERSARY

- WHEREAS,** The **ARCADA THEATRE** opened on Labor Day, September 6, 1926 and will celebrate its 90th Anniversary on September 6, 2016; and
- WHEREAS,** **THE ARCADE THEATRE** was built by Lester J. Norris, an illustrator and industrialist, at a cost of \$500,000; and
- WHEREAS,** **THE ARCADE THEATRE** was built to serve the entertainment needs of the growing communities of St. Charles and surrounding Fox Valley municipalities; and
- WHEREAS,** **THE ARCADE THEATRE** has remained as one of the few Vaudeville-Era theatres that has remained open consistently during its existence; and
- WHEREAS,** The first show consisted of the "Our Gang" comedy short film, "The Fourth Alarm", Vaudeville performances including Fibber McGee & Molly, The Jordans and Lora Marie Harrington and her Gypsy Wayfarers; and
- WHEREAS,** The original Marr & Colton pipe organ has been 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 management of **THE ARCADE THEATRE** in June of 2005, and
- WHEREAS,** Ron Onesti has successfully fostered the historic nature of **THE ARCADE THEATRE** while at the same time has made it one of the most popular, one of the most relevant and one of the most loved entertainment venues in the Midwest.

THEREFORE I, Raymond P. Rogina, 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 ARCADE 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 ARCADE THEATRE** a thriving pinnacle of our great city.

SEAL:




Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor