



City of St. Charles
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Proclamation

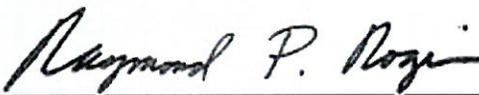
HOTEL BAKER 90TH ANNIVERSARY
JUNE 2, 2018

- WHEREAS,** 90 years ago, the Hotel Baker opened, welcoming guests to enjoy beauty and luxury in St. Charles at the grand resort hotel, giving St. Charles the nickname “The Beauty Spot of the Fox River Valley;” and
- WHEREAS,** The Hotel Baker brought distinction to St. Charles, and continues to this day to bring cultural and national attention to St. Charles for the impressive events and beauty of the Hotel; and
- WHEREAS,** The Hotel Baker was the home of Col. E. J. Baker, beloved philanthropist who gave millions to benefit St. Charles; and
- WHEREAS,** Col. Baker’s brother-in-law John Gates founded Texaco, whose fortune was left to Col. Baker and his niece Dellora Norris, who invested the money in St. Charles; and
- WHEREAS,** Their legacy of gracious giving shaped our community, and St. Charles would not be what it is without the Baker and Norris families; and
- WHEREAS,** Col. Baker’s record-setting racehorse Greyhound, the World’s Champion Trotter, brought fame to St. Charles as his home stable; and
- WHEREAS,** The Hotel Baker was recognized on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 for its architectural and historical significance; and
- WHEREAS,** The Hotel Baker provided a home to the elderly during the years it was used as a retirement home; and
- WHEREAS,** The Hotel Baker was completely restored in 1997 as a labor of love by local businessmen Craig Frank and Neil Johnson; and
- WHEREAS,** The Salas family have owned Hotel Baker for 15 years, epitomizing the family-run business with wonderful longevity that symbolizes the business spirit of St. Charles.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Raymond Rogina, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby recognize the rich history and cultural significance Hotel Baker has brought to St. Charles and wish ongoing success to the Salas family as we celebrate the Hotel Baker’s 90th Anniversary.

SEAL:




Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor