



City of St. Charles
ILLINOIS

Proclamation

CITY OF ST. CHARLES 185TH BIRTHDAY
MAY 2019

- WHEREAS,** 185 years ago this month, Evan Shelby, Ira Minard and Read Ferson settled in the area and named the town Charleston; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1839, the town was renamed St. Charles because *Charleston* was already in use by a city downstate; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1874, St. Charles was incorporated and Dr. James K. Lewis was elected its first mayor; and
- WHEREAS,** On May 20, 1912, Pottawatomie Park was established as the first public park in Illinois; and
- WHEREAS,** With land donated by the Norris Family, and design and construction provided by the Baker family, the Municipal Building was completed in 1940; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1972, Dellora and Lester Norris donated land where St. Charles East High School was built; and
- WHEREAS,** The Main Street Bridge connecting the east and west sides of the community was rebuilt seven times in St. Charles' history, with the last reconstruction in 1997; and
- WHEREAS,** Preserving our *Heritage* is a cornerstone of the City's mission.

NOW THEREFORE, Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, together with the City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 2019 the 185th ANNIVERSARY OF ST. CHARLES!**

SEAL:



Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor