



City of St. Charles
I L L I N O I S

Proclamation

**DICK POND ATHLETICS NAMED ONE OF FIVE
RECIPIENTS OF AMERICAN EXPRESS
"BIG BREAK FOR SMALL BUSINESS" AWARD**

WHEREAS, **DICK POND ATHLETICS** was founded by Dick Pond in 1969, initially selling track shoes from the back of his car, to eventually becoming the nation's oldest running equipment store; and

WHEREAS, **DICK POND ATHLETICS** contributes to a strong and unique local economy by investing in St. Charles and five other suburban locations; and

WHEREAS, **DICK POND ATHLETICS** promotes an active lifestyle, by selling running and wrestling equipment tailored to provide their users maximum safety and performance; and

WHEREAS, **DICK POND ATHLETICS** continually supports events and races throughout St. Charles and the greater Chicago area; and

WHEREAS, **DICK POND ATHLETICS** holds a free "Walk2Run" event on Monday evenings at their store to teach running to community members; and

WHEREAS, **DICK POND ATHLETICS** was named one of five winners nationwide of the American Express "Big Break for Small Business" contest in September 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, along with the St. Charles City Council do hereby proclaim that MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012 be DICK POND ATHLETICS DAY in St. Charles.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Donald P. DeWitte", is written over a horizontal line.

Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor

