



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

# Proclamation

***DONNA STEELE***

**WHEREAS, Donna Steele** founded **Steel Beam Theatre** in 2001 as a not-for-profit theater in the heart of St. Charles; dedicated to bringing high quality theatrical entertainment, education, and training to children and adults in the Arts; and to promote awareness of the arts and enhance the quality of life in the Fox Valley Community and beyond; and

**WHEREAS, Donna Steele** envisioned the transformation of a vacant space in downtown St. Charles into the **Steel Beam Theatre** which preserves the historic charm and integrity of 111 W. Main Street in the historical district; and

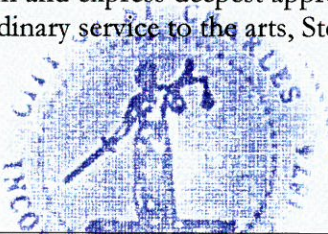
**WHEREAS, Donna Steele** and **Steel Beam Theatre** have attracted well over 100,000 people to downtown St. Charles in the past 14 years, thereby promoting economic stimulus and tourism, as well as contributing to the rich culture and arts of downtown St. Charles; and

**WHEREAS, Donna Steele**, as Artistic Director of **Steel Beam Theatre**, has produced, directed, and acted in fourteen seasons of superb theatrical experiences and performances and has encouraged thousands of young people to explore their imaginations and creativity; and

**WHEREAS, Donna Steele**, as Founder, Executive Director and Artistic Director of **Steel Beam Theatre**, has inspired the creation of “a sacred place where we can share the mysteries, the joys, and the wonders of our human experience.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Raymond Rogina**, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim and express deepest appreciation to **DONNA STEELE** and commend and applaud her extraordinary service to the arts, Steel Beam Theatre, and the community.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Raymond P. Rogina".

Raymond Rogina, Mayor