



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Genesis Guild is first and foremost a community theatre which draws its actors and audience from eastern Iowa and northwestern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, since Rock Island resident Don Wooten founded the Genesis Guild in 1956, more than 2,000 individuals have appeared in productions and more than 250,000 individuals have come to Lincoln Park to enjoy the performances. The Guild has performed on a multitude of indoor and outdoor stages, in television and cinema and at sites as far away as Chicago; and

WHEREAS the Genesis Guild has been based in Rock Island throughout its 60 year history and is unique in the United States and perhaps the world; and

WHEREAS, the Genesis Guild established their opera series in 1972 and it became the cornerstone on which the Quad City Mozart Festival was built. Performances by the Ballet Quad Cities have been included in the Guild's annual seasons since 1996, spurring a rapid growth in its training program; and

WHEREAS, what makes the Guild's summer program unique is its diversity and operation. The performances are free, staged on the outdoor stage in Lincoln Park and open to any area resident who wishes to participate. They have a wide range of productions that are unusual to community theatre, such as Opera in English with full orchestra, Greek tragedy in mask, Shakespearean comedies and tragedies, professional ballet and Greek comedy in contemporary re-writes; and

WHEREAS, the Genesis Guild is one of the Quad Cities' most unusual assets; one which enriches and educates citizens of all ages and all social and economic backgrounds.

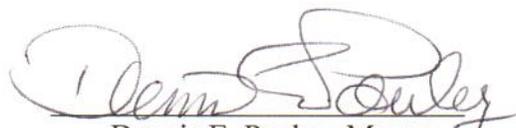
NOW THEREFORE, I, Dennis E. Pauley, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 27th, 2016

GENESIUS GUILD DAY

in the City of Rock Island.

10/17/2016
Date




Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor