



ROCK ISLAND  
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Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

**WHEREAS,** the series of wars in which our nation has been engaged over time, since World War II, has resulted in 5.5 million military and veteran caregivers who are parents, spouses, siblings and friends, caring for those wounded, ill or injured who have served our nation, as documented by the 2014 Rand study commissioned by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation; and

**WHEREAS,** the daily tasks of these military and veterans caregivers can include bathing, feeding, dressing, and caring for the grievous injuries of wounded warriors, administering medications, providing emotional support, caring for the family and the home, and working outside the home to earn essential income; and

**WHEREAS,** the nation provides multi-faceted support to our wounded, ill and injured veterans and service members through public, private and philanthropic resources, but their caregivers receive little support or acknowledgement; and

**WHEREAS,** most military and veteran caregivers consider the challenging work they do as simply carrying out their civic and patriotic duty, without realizing they are, in fact, caregivers, and do not identify themselves as such; and

**WHEREAS,** an alarming number of military and veteran caregivers, according to research, are suffering numerous debilitating mental, physical and emotional effects as a result of their care giving duties; and

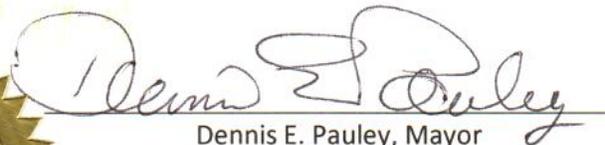
**WHEREAS,** the City of Rock Island desires to recognize and support those who are serving in these vital roles in our own community;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, along with the members of the City Council, proclaim that the City of Rock Island becomes a Hidden Heroes City in support of military and veteran caregivers.

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Date



  
Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor