



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

Mayor Mike Thoms

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** The National Organization for the Advancement of Colored People - NAACP is the oldest civil rights organization in the United States and was created in 1909 as a national call for justice for African Americans due to the Springfield, Illinois Race Riot of August, 1908 - one of the most infamous events in Illinois and American history; and
- WHEREAS,** People from across the nation were shocked and dismayed that racial riots occurred in the adopted hometown of Abraham Lincoln, leading activists to gather to take up the struggle for the civil and political rights of black citizens, ultimately resulting in the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and
- WHEREAS,** Citizens of the United States of America, white and black joined together to ensure justice and equality for all citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** The Rock Island County NAACP Branch #3268 continues that historical and proactive tradition of justice for all citizens in the struggle for the civil and political rights in the City of Rock Island through numerous community events such as: conducting political candidate forums; Job Junction; hosting two Expungement Workshops; a Community Resources Fair; Youth Recognition Dinner; Youth Scholarships; the Freedom Fund Banquet and Image Awards held on Saturday, June 24, 2017; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Rock Island acknowledges the Rock Island County NAACP for its dedication to the struggle for the civil and political rights of citizens of color.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Thoms, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, Illinois, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 24th, 2017 to be

Rock Island County NAACP Day

in Rock Island. A day dedicated to unity and justice in the City of Rock Island for all residents of our community.

6/8/17

Date



Mike Thoms

Mike Thoms, Mayor