



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, everyone remembers someone special - a neighbor, teacher, relative, or friend- who broadened our horizons and brought purpose to our lives; and

WHEREAS, these special individuals singled us out and volunteered their time to help us become engaged and stay on the right track to success; and

WHEREAS, every adult has something to offer a child and every child has something to offer to our community; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that children engaged in healthy and safe one-to-one mentoring relationships are more likely to graduate high school, avoid incarceration and avoid delinquent behavior; and

WHEREAS, there are a significant number of vulnerable children in our community who need and want a positive role model in their lives; and

WHEREAS, our city embraces the concept of engaging volunteers to mentor children of promise in our community.

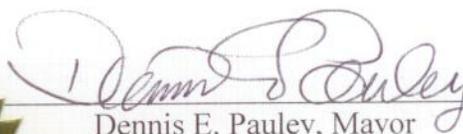
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, proclaim January, 2014 as

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

and encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies and religious and educational institutions to support mentoring and give young people in our community the gift of time and friendship through Big Brothers Big Sisters.

JANUARY 16, 2014

Date


Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor



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