



ROCK ISLAND  
ILLINOIS

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

**PROCLAMATION**

- Whereas:** the cities of Rock Island and Davenport have been cooperative neighbors since the founding of each community in 1835 and 1836 respectively, and;
- Whereas:** there exists a long history of collaboration dating back to the 1850's when the two communities were connected by the first rail road bridge across the Mississippi River, and;
- Whereas:** Red, White and Boom is celebrating its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of River Vision and cooperation between these two communities, and;
- Whereas:** both public and private entities have provided funding to celebrate Red, White and Boom, and;
- Whereas:** both communities have supported River Vision, a cooperative plan for the redevelopment of the riverfront between the two cities, and;
- Whereas:** Arsenal Island, and the military installations located there, have been a significant part of the history of both communities, and;
- Whereas:** our communities celebrate the Rock Island Arsenal and the Arsenal's importance to our region and nation, and;
- Whereas:** we honor the birth of our nation, those who gave all for our great country and those who serve today to protect our shores, and;
- Whereas:** July 4<sup>th</sup> is a time to remember all of our citizens who have sacrificed in so many ways to make our country great.

Now, therefore, I, Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, along with the Bill Gluba, Mayor of the City of Davenport, congratulate both of our cities for the improvements to the riverfront and the Rock Island Arsenal for all of their achievements and innovations and look forward to celebrating future success and do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as

**Red, White and Boom Independence Day**

JUNE 11, 2015

Date



*Dennis E. Pauley*  
Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor

