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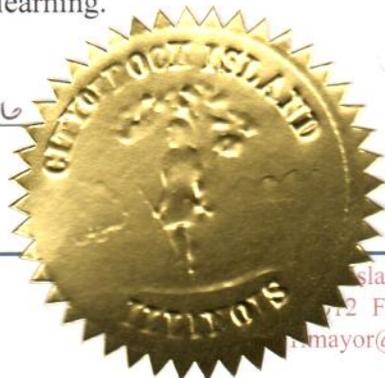
Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Katherine Deere Butterworth established a trust in 1951 in memory of her husband, William, to carry out her charitable intentions toward the residents of Moline, the community she loved and called home for 87 years; and
- WHEREAS,** on May 7, 1956, Butterworth Center opened to provide complimentary meeting space for not-for-profit educational groups and to host recitals, as well as artistic and cultural events; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1976 a second Deere Family residence, now known as Deere-Wiman House, was bequeathed to the Butterworth Trust upon the death of Pattie Southall Wiman for the same charitable purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** Butterworth Center & Deere - Wiman House maintains ten acres of well-manicured grounds that welcome visitors of all ages, boosts the local economy by attracting national and international tourists, and promotes pride in our area's history and manufacturing achievements; and
- WHEREAS,** the seed of community hospitality planted by Katherine Butterworth 60 years ago continued to grow well beyond Moline and its sister cities to every region of the United States with the message that the Quad Cities is a thriving place for people to live, learn, work, and grow;
- WHEREAS,** today Butterworth Center & Deere-Wiman House encourages artistic expression, the pursuit of literacy, and the love of music of all genres; preserves local history—especially that of the John Deere Family; and provides a free, safe environment where families learn together; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2016 a dedicated Board of Directors and Staff, under the auspices of the William Butterworth Foundation, continue to expand Katherine Butterworth's benevolent spirit through, 1) ever-evolving, innovative programming, reaching over 50,000 individuals each year from pre-school through maturity; 2) gracious spaces where groups meet to pursue their passion for community service; 3) generous resources that fund programs from scholarships to exceptional family events; and 4) creative personnel dedicated to promoting lifelong learning for all Quad Citizens.

Now therefore, I, Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, do hereby proclaim May 2016 a month to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Butterworth Center & Deere -Wiman House, a Quad Cities organization with Moline roots, dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Quad Cities by nurturing community service and lifelong learning.

APRIL 11, 2016
Date



Dennis E. Pauley
Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor