ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

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: Job Junction; an Expungement Workshop; the Community Resources Fair; Youth Recognition Dinner; Youth Scholarships; the Freedom Fund Banquet and Image Awards held on Saturday, June 25, 2016; 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, Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, Illinois, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 25th, 2016 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.

May 31, 2016
Date

Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor

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