



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 in 1940's when the communities were connected via the Centennial Bridge and;

Whereas: both communities joined together in 2003-2004 to develop the RiverVision Plan as a partnership to identify complementary waterfront attractions and amenities and;

Whereas: both communities jointly won the "2007 City Livability Award" from the U.S. Conference of Mayors award acknowledging the achievements of the "RiverVision" plan of Davenport and Rock Island and;

Whereas: Rock Island is celebrating the first anniversary of beautiful Schwiebert Park that opened one year ago today, providing a visual connection to the Mississippi River and a recreational resource for families to play, listen to music, and celebrate community events, and;

Whereas: the Davenport Levee Improvement Commission is celebrating its 100th anniversary enhancing the quality of life for the community by improving Davenport's riverfront through stewardship, innovative planning and the management of resources, and;

Whereas: Rock Island is celebrating the transformation of the Jackson Square Housing Development Project that involves the redevelopment of the Old Illinois Oil Building and converting it into housing that overlooks the Quad City Botanical Center, and the Mississippi River, and;

Whereas: downtown Davenport is the City of Davenport's fastest growing neighborhood, highlighted by the recent restoration of the historic Hotel Blackhawk and Forrest Block buildings and;

Whereas: Rock Island celebrates the second anniversary of the McKesson building, that provides loft living on the Mississippi Riverfront, directly across from Schwiebert Riverfront Park. This renovated industrial building provides condominiums with individual balconies and a green rooftop where residents have a great view of all of the activities in the park and along the riverfront, and;

Whereas: Davenport is celebrating RiverVision projects including the grand opening of the Centennial Park Sprayground, the completion of the Davenport Front Porch Parkway, and the opening of Veterans Memorial Park, and;

Whereas: Red White and Boom is celebrating its 7th anniversary of cooperation between these two communities.

Now, therefore, I, Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, along with Bill Gluba, Mayor of the City of Davenport, congratulate both cities on all of the past accomplishments celebrating our riverfronts and look forward to celebrating our many future successes.

June 16th, 2011

Date



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