



Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Union members of the United States are well known throughout the world for leadership in their professions and for performing their work with great distinction, intelligence, diligence, and integrity; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Illinois and State of Iowa skilled workforce helps attract new businesses and industries and retain established employers, thereby strengthening the current and future economies of Illinois and Iowa; and
- WHEREAS,** our cities, villages and counties are committed to effective workforce development, creating gainful job opportunities for our citizens and providing safe, healthy and productive work environments for employees and employers; and
- WHEREAS,** on Labor Day working families and their unions have the opportunity to celebrate all their accomplishments while reflecting on the values they bring to their workplaces; and
- WHEREAS,** on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1882, the first Labor Day holiday was celebrated and Congress passed an act on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1894 declaring the first Monday of September as the Labor Day holiday.

**THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the City of Rock Island recognizes Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as

## LABOR DAY

in our community and call upon all our citizens to observe this date with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that acknowledge the contributions of working Americans and their families.

August 5, 2011

Date



*Dennis E. Pauley*

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