

City of El Paso
Illinois Bicentennial Flag Raising Ceremony Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sunday, December 3, 2017, marks Illinois' 199th birthday, as Illinois became the 21st state in the union on December 3, 1818; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois Bicentennial will be a yearlong celebration between December 3, 2017, and December 3, 2018, which will be our state's 200th birthday; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois Bicentennial will remind us all that, every day in Illinois, amazing things are BORN, BUILT & GROWN; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois Bicentennial will honor the many ways that Illinois has influenced American history, achievement, culture, innovation, and more; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois Bicentennial is a once-in-a-lifetime invitation to fall in love with Illinois all over again; and

WHEREAS, together, we can inspire pride in Illinois and show the world what makes this state so great; and

WHEREAS, our community should encourage citizens, organizations, businesses, congregations, and cultural and education institutions to participate in the yearlong celebration by submitting applications for endorsement of their events and projects by Illinois Bicentennial on the PARTICIPATE page at illinois200.com; and

WHEREAS, at the City of El Paso we strive to be one day ahead of most of the United States and the State of Illinois as in 1870 after the passing of the 15th Amendment, El Paso had the first African American voter in the State of Illinois and possibly the third in nation to legally vote in the current election. We therefore, are choosing to have our Bicentennial Flag Raising on Saturday, December 2, 2017 in conjunction with our community's annual Christmas Walk; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of El Paso endorses the efforts of Illinois Bicentennial and encourages all citizens to participate and celebrate in the upcoming year by visiting illinois200.com and using the hashtag #IllinoisProud.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here upon to set my hand and caused the seal of the City of El Paso, to be affixed.

Done in the City of El Paso, this 20th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two thousand and seventeen.

Affixed City Seal and Affirmed

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City Clerk

J. W. Price

Mayor J.W. Price