OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, International Volunteer Day is recognized annually on December 5th, and it is a day to note the efforts of volunteers in transforming their societies; and

- WHEREAS, volunteering can provide life-changing experiences and bring about positive changes such as increased self-confidence, self-satisfaction, physical well-being, opportunities to network and gain new skills; and
- WHEREAS, Des Plaines is a community known for its collaborative spirit and robust volunteer network, evident in the wide array of local opportunities for volunteering; and
- *WHEREAS,* the volunteers in the Des Plaines community have demonstrated a spirit of personal concern and a wholehearted willingness to help others.

Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim the 5^{th} of December as

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

Dated this 4th day of December 2023.

Andrew Goczkowski, Mayor