

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, *September is recognized nationwide as National Literacy Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of literacy and to support programs that expand learning and opportunity for all; and*

WHEREAS, *access to books, educational programs, and literacy resources is vital to the personal, educational, and economic well-being of individuals and the strength of our communities; and*

WHEREAS, *local schools, libraries, community organizations, and nonprofits such as the Illinois Literacy Foundation play a key role in advancing literacy by providing opportunities for learning at every stage of life and responding to the evolving needs of our residents; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Des Plaines is committed to fostering a culture that values literacy in all its forms, including digital, civic, healthcare, and financial literacy, and to supporting efforts that expand access to learning for people of all ages and backgrounds;*

Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim September as

LITERACY MONTH

in Des Plaines and encourage all residents to support literacy initiatives, participate in reading and learning programs, and help build a more informed, inclusive, and empowered community.

Dated this 15th day of September 2025.



Andrew Goczowski, Mayor