

Thomas P. McNamara  
Mayor

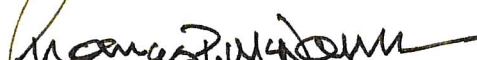
## **PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS, *the Keith County Day School Quiz Bowl program currently serves both middle school and high school students, with 44 participants during the 2025-2026 season, fostering academic excellence, teamwork, and intellectual curiosity; and*
- WHEREAS, *since 2019/2020, under the leadership of Coach Kristin Burns, the program has experienced significant success, including four IHSA Regional championships, two IHSA Sectional championships, and the 2026 IHSA Scholastic Bowl State Championship title; and*
- WHEREAS, *the program emphasizes inclusivity through a “no cuts” philosophy, ensuring that all students who wish to participate have the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute; and*
- WHEREAS, *a strong culture of mentorship exists within the program, as older students guide younger participants, and alumni remain actively engaged in supporting current teams; and*
- WHEREAS, *the Keith faculty, administration, and Board of Trustees demonstrate exceptional support for the program, contributing to its sustained success and growth; and*
- WHEREAS, *the school’s rigorous Renaissance-style curriculum promotes critical thinking, creativity, and broad academic knowledge, helping to prepare students for success and growth; and*
- WHEREAS, *the Keith Quiz Bowl teams compete in local, regional, and national tournaments, including the High School National Quiz Bowl Tournament, where top teams from across United States compete; and*
- WHEREAS, *the success of the Keith Quiz Bowl program reflects years of dedication, collaboration, and schoolwide support, showcasing the strength and spirit of a small school with a strong academic tradition;*
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS P. MCNAMARA, as Mayor of the city of Rockford do hereby recognize:

### **“KEITH COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL IHSA SCHOLASTIC BOWL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP”**

*in Rockford, Illinois for winning the IHSA Scholastic Bowl State Championship on March 21, 2026, marking the first state title in program history, representing a milestone achievement for the school and the Rockford region.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Rockford to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

  
MAYOR THOMAS P. MCNAMARA  
CITY OF ROCKFORD

