



Thomas P. McNamara
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

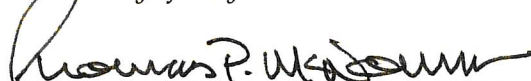
- WHEREAS, *May 5th, or Cinco de Mayo in Spanish, is celebrated each year as a date of importance by Mexican and Mexican-Americans; and*
- WHEREAS, *Cinco de Mayo holiday commemorates May 5, 1862, the date on which the Battle of Puebla was fought by Mexicans who were struggling for their independence and freedom; and*
- WHEREAS, *the French army, which had not experienced defeat against any of Europe's finest troops in over half a century, were defeated by the Mexican forces, whom were outnumbered and ill-equipped, but their high spirited and courage led them victory; and*
- WHEREAS, *the Cinco de Mayo holiday is not only the commemoration of the rout of the French troops at the town of Puebla in Mexico, but is also a celebration of the virtues of individual courage and patriotism of all Mexicans and Mexican-Americans who have fought for freedom and independence against foreign aggressors; and*
- WHEREAS, *Cinco de Mayo serves as a reminder that the foundation of the United States is built by people from many nations and diverse cultures who are willing to fight and die for freedom; and*
- WHEREAS, *Cinco de Mayo also serves as a reminder of the close spiritual and economic ties between the people of Mexico and the people of the United States;*
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS P. MCNAMARA, as Mayor of the city of Rockford do hereby proclaim May 5, 2026 to be:

"CINCO DE MAYO"

in Rockford, Illinois and urge all citizens to recognize the struggle for independence and freedom of the Mexican people and to observe and join in this special observation.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Rockford to be affixed this 4th day of May 2026.


MAYOR THOMAS P. MCNAMARA
CITY OF ROCKFORD