

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

**NAPERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY: HONORING
A LEGACY OF SERVICE, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT
(SEPTEMBER 2, 2024 – MAY 26, 2025)**

WHEREAS, the Naperville Fire Department was founded and chartered by the City of Naperville and State of Illinois in 1874 after two major fires occurred in the downtown area; the original fire company has grown from a volunteer organization to a department with over 200 employees and 10 fire stations; and

WHEREAS, the Naperville Fire Department provides fire suppression, fire prevention, emergency medical and specialized rescue services, as well as public education programs targeted toward the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Naperville Fire Department was unanimously accredited for a sixth time by the Commission of Fire Accreditation International and the Center for Public Safety Excellence. In addition, the Board of Directors from the Center for Public Safety Excellence designated the department as a "Legacy Agency" for being one of only three fire departments in the world to be accredited for 25 consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, for 150 years, the Naperville Fire Department has demonstrated unparalleled professionalism, dedication, and commitment to the betterment of the Naperville community; and

WHEREAS, the Naperville Fire Department's 150th anniversary is being observed from September 2nd 2024 until May 26, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Wehrli, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby honor and recognize the **150th Anniversary** of the **Naperville Fire Department**. I encourage all residents to join me in extending our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the Naperville Fire Department for its remarkable achievements and lasting impact on our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this 18th day of February 2025.



Scott Wehrli, Mayor

