

MONMOUTH ILLINOIS

Proclamation

Monmouth College Classics Week September 24-29, 2018

WHEREAS, Classics and Latin have had a storied history in Monmouth since long before Classics Day began, as Classics was one of the original departments at the College when it opened in 1853, and Latin has been taught at Monmouth-Roseville High School for decades; and

WHEREAS, While social trends have led to a significant reduction in college Classics and high school Latin programs around the state and nation, Monmouth's programs, often in collaboration with one another, have been entrepreneurial enough over decades to maintain their appeal even as times and tastes have changed; and

WHEREAS, This year, we are building toward Classics Day by partnering with a number of local organizations to hold events during the week, including a talk on the history of Latin/Classics instruction in Warren County sponsored by the Warren County History Museum, the Warren County Public Library will show a classically-themed film, a master seamstress and expert on classical Greek and Roman clothing will speak on the subject at Monmouth College, and the Monmouth Classics Department is partnering with the BCA to offer a free showing of *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief* on Pattee Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth College will host its 4th Classics Day Saturday, September 29, with cooperation and assistance from the Latin program at Monmouth-Roseville High School. Contributing to the success of the award winning Classics Day is the tremendous Latin language program that Brian Tibbets has cultivated at Monmouth-Roseville. Relationships of the college and high school programs with other schools will bring more than 250 Classics and Latin students, teachers, and professors from throughout Illinois and Iowa to the event, along with many others from Monmouth College and the local and regional communities; and

WHEREAS, Classics Week is a testament to the talent, flexibility, creativity, grit, and work ethic of the faculty members at the college and the high school over many decades, and to the students of the schools and residents of this town, who have found illumination, wisdom, and ongoing relevance in languages and cultures of the ancient past.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rod Davies, Mayor of the City of Monmouth, do hereby proclaim September 24 – 29th as Classics Week in the City of Monmouth and encourage citizens to participate in one or more of the activities.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2018.

ATTESTED:

Rod Davies, Mayor

Susan S. Trevor, City Clerk