

DeKalb County, Illinois
2010 Census Partnership Proclamation
#P2009-04

WHEREAS, a complete and accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping in the planning for a community and in making decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and

WHEREAS, more than \$300 billion per year in Federal and State funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data; and

WHEREAS, census data ensures fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as redistricting of State Legislatures, County Boards and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the Census Bureau is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Ruth Anne Tobias, Chairman of the DeKalb County Board am committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure a full and accurate count in 2010. All citizens are urged to support this important work by the U.S. Census Bureau and to participate in census gathering activities. An accurate census count accomplishes great opportunities for the DeKalb County.

PASSED AT Sycamore, Illinois, this 19th day of August, 2009, A.D.



Ruth Anne Tobias
County Board Chairman
August 19, 2009

“COMMIT TO COURAGE”
Medal of Honor Day
DeKalb County, Illinois
September 15, 2009
A Proclamation

#P2009-05

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, Illinois, is the home and place of enlistment of Mr. Samuel J. Churchill, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Samuel J. Churchill is the recipient of the Medal of Honor. During the Civil War he served in the Army in Company G, 2nd Illinois Light Artillery. Samuel fought in the Battle of Nashville in Franklin, Tennessee on December 15, 1864, and

WHEREAS, it was during that battle that Churchill, was recognized for valor in combat because *“when the fire of the enemy’s batteries compelled the men of his detachment for a short time to seek shelter, he stood manfully at his post and for some minutes worked his gun alone,”* and

WHEREAS, Medal of Honor recipients serve as a symbol of our nation’s dedication to service over self; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County recognizes the importance of educating our community about the sacrifices made by Medal of Honor recipients and all members of our armed services; and

WHEREAS, the number of living recipients of the Medal of Honor is quickly declining; and

WHEREAS, the message of *Commit to Courage* is one that applies to all members of our community, whether civilian or military, old or young, rich or poor; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this and all U.S. communities to work collaboratively to honor our nation’s military personnel, both past and present.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, Ruth Anne Tobias, Chairman of the DeKalb County Board, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2009 to be *Commit to Courage Day* in honor of Mr. Samuel J. Churchill. I urge everyone to take time this day to honor our Medal of Honor recipients and all of the men and women who serve in our Armed

Forces. Our efforts can educate our community and bring awareness of these remarkable individuals to future generations.

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Ruth Anne Tobias, Chairman