

**PROCLAMATION
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK 2018**

Whereas, the Marion Chamber of Commerce works with the businesses, merchants, and industry to advance the civic, economic, industrial, professional and cultural life of the City of Marion; and

Whereas, the City of Marion and the Marion Chamber of Commerce continue to have a harmonious relationship; and

Whereas, chambers of commerce have contributed to the civic and economic life of Illinois for 180 years since the founding of the Galena Chamber of Commerce in 1838; and

Whereas, this year marks the 99th anniversary of the founding of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the state's leading broad-based business organization; and

Whereas, the Chamber of Commerce and its members provide citizens with a strong business environment that increases employment, the retail trade and commerce, and industrial growth in order to make the City of Marion a better place to live; and

Whereas, the Chamber of Commerce encourages the growth of existing industries, services, and commercial firms and encourages new firms and individuals to locate in the City of Marion; and

Whereas, the State of Illinois is the home to international chambers of commerce, the Great Lakes Region Office of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and more than 400 local chambers of commerce; and

Whereas, this year marks the 103rd anniversary of the Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, a professional development organization for the chamber of commerce professionals;

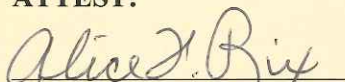
Therefore, I, Anthony L. Rinella, Mayor of the City of Marion, Illinois proclaim **September 10 through September 14, 2018 as CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK** in the City of Marion and call its significance to the citizens of the City of Marion.

Whereunto I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Marion to be affixed.



Anthony L. Rinella
Mayor of the City of Marion,
Illinois

ATTEST:



Alice F. Rix, City Clerk

