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Village of Geneseo
PRESS RELEASE

Celebrating Local Government Service and the 100th Anniversary of the National League of Cities
Declaring May 2024 as “Cities, Towns, and Villages Month”

The Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees on May 6, 2024 proclaimed May “National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month” in recognition of the importance of local government service. The proclamation is part of a national effort to uplift municipal governments led by the National League of Cities (NLC), a nonpartisan organization comprised of city, town and village leaders focused on improving the quality of life for their current and future residents.

As the proclamation states, “local governments are the bedrock of American democracy, providing 336 million residents with the most accountable, responsive, inclusive, ethical, and transparent government in the world.” The proclamation goes on to note, “from the nation’s smallest villages to its largest cities, America’s local governments have been essential in transforming the United States of America in to the greatest, most influential nation in world history.” National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month is part of the year-long centennial celebration of the National League of Cities, which was founded in 1924.

Today, NLC provides local leaders resources to help govern and advocates on behalf of the nation’s cities, towns, and villages in Washington, DC. [City] is a member of the National League of Cities. “NLC’s historic 100th anniversary is a chance to reflect on the contributions local governments have made, look ahead to the next 100 years, and thank the mayors, city councilmembers, and staff who have dedicated themselves to leading our communities,” said NLC CEO and Executive Director Clarence Anthony. “Stepping up to serve your community is a sacrifice, and oftentimes a thankless one. So let us honor our local public servants.”

Throughout May 2024, hundreds of local governments are issuing similar proclamations.

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Village of Geneseo Proclamation May 2024 National Cities, Towns and Villages Month

Whereas, the National League of Cities was founded in 1924 in Lawrence, Kansas, as the American Municipal Association by state municipal leagues seeking more coordination and national representation as cities, towns, and villages expanded rapidly;

Whereas, the nonpartisan National League of Cities is the oldest and largest organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States, representing the interests of more than 19,000 cities, towns, and villages across the country;

Whereas today, the National League of Cities works in partnership with 49 state municipal leagues across the country to strengthen local leadership, drive innovation, and influence the federal policies that impact local programs and operations;

Whereas, as the voice of cities, towns, and villages in Washington, DC, the National League of Cities has successfully championed federal legislative solutions that support municipalities and has worked closely with Congress and the Executive Branch to educate policymakers on the realities of local implementation;

Whereas, local governments are the bedrock of American democracy, providing 336 million residents with the most accountable, responsive, inclusive, ethical, and transparent government in the world;

Whereas, from the nation's smallest villages to its largest cities, America's local governments have been essential in transforming the United States of America into the greatest, most influential nation in world history;

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo was first incorporated in 1832 and is proudly served today by the Village Board of Trustees, a Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and a municipal workforce of dedicated public servants;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village of Geneseo hereby proclaims May 2024 as National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month in celebration of America's local governments and the National League of Cities' historic centennial anniversary.

On May 6, 2024 at a Regular Village of Geneseo Board of Trustees Meeting, the above motion was made by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Lee.

The motion passed with ayes from: Mayor Ivers, Trustee Lee and Trustee Livingston. Trustee Hamann-Whitmore abstained, and Deputy Mayor Walters was excused from the meeting.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Geneseo on the 6th day of May 2024 and of the whole thereof.

Dated at Geneseo, NY, May 8, 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aprile S. Mack".

Aprile S. Mack, Village Clerk/Treasurer

