

PROCLAMATION
HONORING THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ALGONQUIN'S
175TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS: On February 9, 1850, a group of seven men and seven women met at the home of Ambrose Dodd to establish the Congregational Church of Algonquin; and

WHEREAS: The first minister was the Reverend I.C. Beach. Worship services were held in private homes, schools, and later in a rented room over the blacksmith shop; and

WHEREAS: In 1867, under the direction of Reverend J.D. Davis, \$2,500 was raised and the construction of a church building commenced. Measuring 32 x 50 feet, with a spire 80 feet in height, the building which seated 200 people was dedicated on January 17, 1868; and

WHEREAS: On February 12, 1995, the Congregational Church of Algonquin was presented with a plaque of historic recognition from the McHenry County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS: We give pause, honor and praise this day for the deep and abiding commitment of those who in faith began this work, and for all those who have given so unselfishly during these many years to help the work grow and thrive, and provide valuable human services where the need was great; and

WHEREAS: The entire community has benefitted from the charity and influence this church has exerted through the years, and the many facets of its outreach and practical assistance to the needy; and

WHEREAS: It is a pleasure to extend this expression of our esteem and best wishes to the members of this congregation on the memorable occasion of this 175th Anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Debby Sosine, Village President of the Village of Algonquin, Algonquin, Illinois, urge all citizens of the Village of Algonquin to join together in recognition and appreciation for the member, past and present, of the congregation of the Congregational Church of Algonquin for their commitment and contributions to the community.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 4th day of February, 2025.

APPROVED: _____

Debby Sosine, Village President

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ATTEST: _____

Fred Martin, Village Clerk