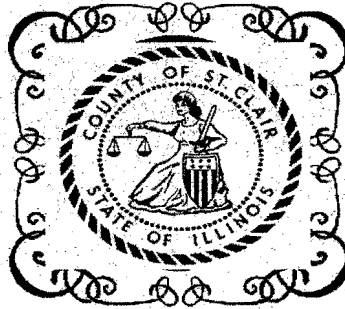


County of St. Clair

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Board

Proclamation

SCOTT PATRIOT COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Scott Air Force Base has been a cornerstone of America's Defense and controls and monitors every United States military transportation operation, from deploying troops for national defense, peacekeeping, or disaster relief efforts, to transporting our wounded warriors and fallen heroes ensuring no one is left behind; and

WHEREAS, each day our service men and women forego comfort, face hardship, confront danger and sometimes die in defense of our Nation, earning our unwavering support in their resolute effort to ensure that our values and our way of life are not destroyed; and

WHEREAS, all of the activities that take place at Scott Air Force Base provide employment for approximately 13,000 individuals, making it one of the largest employers in the St. Louis Metropolitan area, with a total annual economic impact that tops \$3 billion and benefits more than 136,000 people in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Base stretches across 4,000 acres, and consists of more than 900 buildings, creating a small town whose constituents are active, contributing members of our broader community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the tremendous impact Scott Air Force Base, our airmen and their families have on our region, we have demonstrated world class support for them that has been recognized with the 2012 Abilene Trophy; and

WHEREAS, our community wants to build on the efforts that helped us to secure that great honor by showcasing and increasing the level of support we provide for the men, women and children at Scott, and we consider the recently launched Scott Patriot Program as a great way to do that; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to taking the steps necessary for our community to be recognized as a Scott Patriot and to encouraging businesses and organizations in our community to also commit to supporting the military in one of the ten ways outlined in the Scott Patriot Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Mark A. Kern, County Board Chairman, do hereby proclaim St. Clair County as a Scott Patriot Community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of St. Clair County to be affixed.

Done at the Courthouse in Belleville, Illinois
this 13th day of January in the Year of Our Lord two
thousand fourteen.

MARK A. KERN, Chairman
St. Clair County Board

