

CITY OF MT. VERNON

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the entire community can effect positive change with any volunteer action no matter how big or small; and

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and

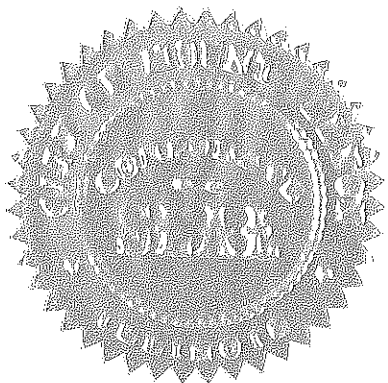
WHEREAS, Southern Illinois volunteers uphold the highest standards of civic duty, donating their time, energy, and talents to helping those in need; and

WHEREAS, volunteering renews our connection to our community and builds self-worth and social responsibility in our children; and

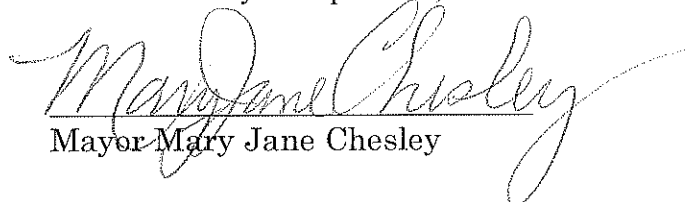
WHEREAS, volunteers enhance our quality of life through their selfless service, including working to provide food and shelter for the needy, spending time with patients in hospitals, and safeguarding the health and well-being of our young people; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that Mt. Vernon's citizens honor the people who donate their time, energy and strength to make our communities and our nation a safer and more productive place to live and work;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mary Jane Chesley, Mayor of the City of Mt. Vernon, do hereby proclaim September 20 through September 26, as **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERISM WEEK** in City of Mt. Vernon, and urge my fellow citizens to join the volunteer effort in our communities by volunteering and by recognizing those who serve.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this City to be affixed on this 20th day of September, 2010.


Mayor Mary Jane Chesley