



City of Rochelle, Illinois
Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK September 14-18, 2026

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce works with the businesses, merchants, and industry to advance the civic, economic, industrial, professional and cultural life of the City of Rochelle.

WHEREAS, chambers of commerce have contributed to the civic and economic life of Illinois for 188 years since the founding of the Galena Chamber of Commerce in 1838, 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 Rochelle 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 Rochelle 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,

WHEREAS, this years marks the 107th anniversary of the founding of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the state's leading broad-based business organization, and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 111th anniversary of the Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, a professional development organization for the chamber of commerce professionals; and

THEREFORE I, John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, proclaim **September 14 - 18, 2026**, as **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK** and call its significance to the citizens of the City of Rochelle.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Rochelle to be affixed on the 14th day of September 2026.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: _____



RoseMary Huéramo, City Clerk