



City of Rochelle,
Illinois

Office of the Mayor

50th Anniversary of Focus House

WHEREAS, Focus House was established in 1975 to provide residential care, education, counseling, and community support for at-risk youth in the Ogle County area; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, Focus House has served thousands of young people and families, fostering resilience, accountability, and positive change; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation for Focus House has worked tirelessly to sustain and expand these services through fundraising, partnerships, and advocacy; and as a part of that, we here at the City of Rochelle, thank Ogle County and the Ogle County Board for their continued support and partnership with Focus house, and

WHEREAS, the success of Focus House is a direct result of the commitment of its staff, volunteers, supporters, and the ongoing cooperation with many entities and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rochelle City Council hereby recognizes the 50th Anniversary of Focus House, commends its staff and supporters for their dedication, and reaffirms the City's commitment to supporting youth and families in need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I, John Bearrows, as the Mayor of the City of Rochelle, hereby declare **November 2025** as **Focus House Month**, and ask that all residents, both within the city and throughout our county, take time and express our sincere appreciation for the much-needed services offered to our youth, both city and county wide.

John Bearrows, Mayor



Attest: _____
RoseMary Huéramo, City Clerk