



City of Rochelle,
Illinois
Office of the
Mayor

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK
September 11 - 17, 2022

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

Whereas, chambers of commerce have contributed to the civic and economic life of Illinois for 184 years since the founding of the Galena Chamber of Commerce in 1838, and

Whereas, this year marks the 103rd anniversary of the founding of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the state's leading broad-based business organization;

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, and

Whereas, this year marks the 107th anniversary of the Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, a professional development organization for the chamber of commerce professionals;

Therefore I, John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, proclaim **September 11 through September 17, 2022**, as **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK** and call its significance to the citizens of the City of Rochelle.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Rochelle to be affixed on 12th day of September 2022.

John Bearrows, Mayor



Attest: _____
RoseMary Huéramo, City Clerk