



City of Rochelle, Illinois
Office of the Mayor
Proclamation

PUBLIC POWER WEEK
October 6-12, 2024

WHEREAS, the citizens of City of Rochelle, place a high value on local choice over community services and therefore have chosen to operate a community-owned, not-for-profit electric utility and, as customers and owners of our electric utility, have a direct say in utility operations and policies;

WHEREAS, Rochelle Municipal Utilities provides our homes, businesses, schools, and social service and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and safe electricity employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit rates;

WHEREAS, Rochelle Municipal Utilities is a valuable community asset that contributes to the well-being of local citizens through energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, economic development, and safety awareness;

WHEREAS, Rochelle Municipal Utilities has also taken on additional stewardship for our community's information infrastructure through a broadband network providing internet services, expanding community and economic development opportunities;

WHEREAS, Rochelle Municipal Utilities is a dependable and trustworthy institution whose local operation provides many consumer protections and continues to make our community a better place to live and work, and contributes to protecting the global environment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Rochelle Municipal Utilities will continue to work to bring low-cost, safe, reliable, and sustainable electricity and other services to community homes and businesses just as it has since 1896, the year when the utility was created to serve all the citizens of City of Rochelle;

THEREFORE, I, John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, do hereby proclaim of October 6 – 12, 2024 be designated **Public Power Week** to recognize the people behind public power at **Rochelle Municipal Utilities** for their contributions to the community and to educate customer-owners, policymakers, and employees on the benefits of public power.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: _____
RoseMary Huéramo, City Clerk

