

# CITY OF *Belleville*

COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR

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## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., known now as The Barbershop Harmony Society, was officially organized on April 11, 1938 in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and*

*WHEREAS, What began as a small group has steadily blossomed into the world's largest all-male singing organization. an international organization of men from all stations of life; and*

*WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to the spread of harmony for the enjoyment of all people of the world through organizing and encouraging close-harmony singing groups; and*

*WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society encourages harmony amongst all people of the world through the universal language of music; and*

*WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society has actively preserved and presented a distinct style of vocal music that originated in North America; and*

*WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to sustaining and preserving an American tradition, the barbershop quartet; and*

*WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society promotes musical education through music scholarships and other means, and supports charitable foundations; and*

*WHEREAS, Barbershoppers are engaged in laudable civic service and enrichment of our cultural life through the fostering of traditional values in entertainment and community endeavors.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21, 2008 – April 27, 2008 as Barbershop Harmony Week in the City of Belleville.*

*Pride in the Past ... Promise for the Future*  
*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.*

*Mark W. Eckert*

Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008