

**RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION RENAMING THE “ROCHELLE RAILROAD PARK”  
AS THE “KEN WISE ROCHELLE RAILROAD PARK”**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rochelle is a body politic and corporate, organized and existing pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1, et. seq.; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City owns and operates the Rochelle Railroad Park, a facility established by the City in 1998 based on a gem of an idea of Ken Wise, the former director of the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation, from his observation that people would come to the area to watch and photograph trains; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Rochelle Railroad Park, the first of its kind in the nation, is a wonderful attraction in Rochelle that has drawn thousands of visitors from every state and from around the world to our community to safely and conveniently watch trains of Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroads cross at the diamond; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation has requested that the City rename the park in honor of Ken Wise.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Rochelle that the railroad park shall be known as the “Ken Wise Rochelle Railroad Park” in honor of former GREDCO Economic Development Director Ken Wise.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 28th day of September, 2015.

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk

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Mayor