



City of Rochelle, Illinois
Office of the Mayor
Proclamation

PUBLIC POWER WEEK October 7-13, 2019

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of Rochelle and surrounding communities, place high value on local control 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, farms, social service, and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and cost-effective 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 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 electricity to community homes and businesses just as it has since 1896, the year when the utility was created to serve all the citizens of Rochelle and surrounding communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the week of October 7-13 be designated Public Power Week to recognize Rochelle Municipal Utilities for its contributions to the community and to educate customer-owners, policy makers, and employees on the benefits of public power;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that our community joins hands with more than 2,000 other public power systems in the United States in this celebration of public power, which is best for consumers, business, the community, and the nation.

THEREFORE, I, Chet Olson, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, do hereby proclaim **October 7-13, 2019**, as **PUBLIC POWER WEEK** and ask Rochelle citizens to honor Rochelle Municipal Utilities for providing safe, reliable, and low-cost electricity service to Rochelle.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Susan L. Messer, City Clerk

