

*Proclamation*  
CITY OF  
**GALESBURG**  
ILLINOIS

**WHEREAS**, the City of Galesburg, Illinois, and Knox College share Founder, George Washington Gale, who set out for the Illinois prairie more than 185 years ago, with the intention to found both a college and a town, both supporting and sustaining the other; and

**WHEREAS**, Knox College has provided an excellent liberal arts education for over 185 years with the early commitment to increase access to all qualified students of varied backgrounds, races and conditions, regardless of financial means; and

**WHEREAS**, over 80% Knox College employees and several hundred Knox alumni and parents are Galesburg residents and involved in the community as scholars, parents, patrons, business owners and volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, Knox's president and staff travel around the country promoting Galesburg to alumni, parents and friends – including the benefits of working and living in Galesburg; and

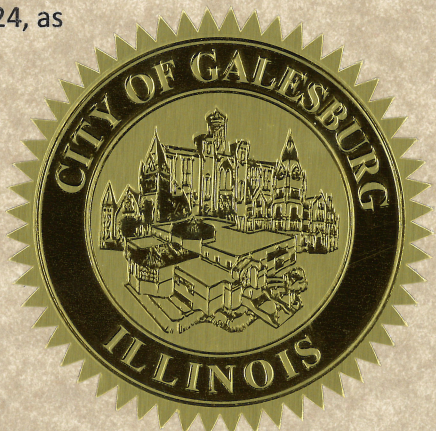
**WHEREAS**, Galesburg, Illinois supports Knox College through attending community events such as lectures, concerts and sporting events, partnering with College administrators, and philanthropic endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, Knox College rankings include: one of the top liberal arts colleges in the nation according to the U.S. News & World Report; one of the 25 most diverse liberal arts colleges in America according to the Princeton Review; 12 consecutive years on Sierra Clubs' list of "Cool Schools" for sustainability efforts; and nationally known as a College that Changes Lives; and

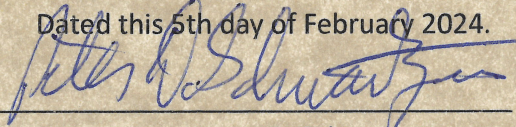
**WHEREAS**, both Knox College and Galesburg continue to be invested and involved in each other's success.

**THEREFORE**, I, Peter D. Schwartzman, Mayor of the City of Galesburg, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2024, as

**FOUNDERS DAY  
&  
KNOX PROUD DAY**



Dated this 5th day of February 2024.

  
Mayor Peter D. Schwartzman