

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chief Petty Officer William “Ryan” Owens was born on March 5, 1980, in Peoria, IL and grew up in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Chillicothe, Illinois, and attended Illinois Valley Central High School, graduating in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Chief Petty Officer William “Ryan” Owens lost his life on January 29, 2017, from wounds as a result of the Yakla raid, a U.S.-led Special Operations Forces attack in Al Baydaprovince in central Yemen, a terrorism-related mission during the Yemeni Civil War; and

WHEREAS, his dedication and devoted service to our country should not go unnoticed, as an Exceptional Seal, Chief Petty Officer and the multiple tours of duty he served; and

WHEREAS, he was the recipient of Silver Star, two Bronze Star Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Achievement Medal, the Commendation Medal, the Sea Service Ribbon and three Presidential Unit Citations; and

WHEREAS, Chief Petty Officer William “Ryan” Owens, is an exceptional example of commitment for all citizens, students, service men and women, and veterans by paying the ultimate sacrifice; and

THEREFORE, I, Donald Z. White, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, of the City of Chillicothe, do hereby recognize Chief Petty Officer William “Ryan” Owens, and urge the citizens of the City of Chillicothe to remember Chief Petty Officer William “Ryan” Owens and his family on

18th day of June, 2018

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Chillicothe, Illinois this 11th day of June, 2018.

Donald Z. White, Mayor

Margaret E. Hurd, City Clerk