



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Belleville, Illinois, takes great pride in recognizing individuals whose dedication and service enhance the culture, civic, and social fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, Carole Piontkowsky demonstrated exceptional commitment and generosity through her volunteer service as the impetus to founding the Belleville Christkindlmarkt, a beloved annual event that celebrates Belleville's German heritage and holiday traditions; and

WHEREAS, Carole's tireless efforts, creative leadership, and warm hospitality have contributed significantly to the success and growth of the Christkindlmarkt, fostering a festive atmosphere that welcomes residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Carole's contributions supported local artisans and businesses, strengthened community bonds, and brought joy to countless families during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, Carole Piontkowsky's exemplary service embodies the highest ideals of civic engagement and community spirit, inspiring others throughout Belleville and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 28, 2025, as '**Carole Piontkowsky Day**' in the City of Belleville, Illinois, and urge all citizens to join in recognizing and celebrating her outstanding contributions to the Belleville Christkindlmarkt and her enduring legacy of volunteerism.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed, this 28th day of November, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor

Pride in the Past . . . Promise for the Future November 28, 2025

