

**PATRIOTISM
WEEK
PROCLAMATION**



Whereas: The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, through its Constitution, is a Patriotic Order, *and*

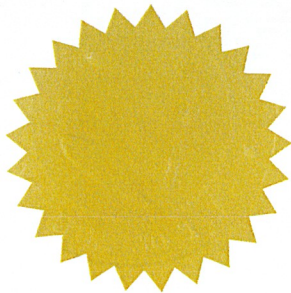
Whereas: The Order promotes the ideals that the citizens of this nation live in freedom, won through the great sacrifices and many tribulations which have provided the foundation for a free, prosperous and independent life, *and*

Whereas: We realize that each generation must work to maintain this freedom, otherwise, through carelessness or indifference, the rights and liberties enjoyed may vanish, *and*

Whereas: It is fitting and proper to recognize this freedom and to honor the nation, which provides it, *now*

Therefore: I, **Gene Johnson**, **Mayor** of this City/Town of **Bellefonte**, do hereby proclaim September 9-15, 2024, as **NATIONAL PATRIOTISM WEEK!** During this event, urge all citizens to join with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in expressing gratitude for the privilege of American Citizenship with appropriate celebrations and observances.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City/Town of **Bellefonte** to be affixed this **9th** day of September 2024.



ATTEST

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