



PROCLAMATION

**Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation**

**May 7 through May 13, 2017**

Whereas, the office of the municipal clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government, exists throughout the world as the oldest profession among public servants; and

Whereas; the municipal clerk provides the professional connections between the citizens, the governing bodies, and agencies at the local, county, and state levels; and

Whereas; municipal clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all residents through transparency and accountable government practices; and

Whereas; the municipal clerk processes and distributes all agendas and actions of their governing body, serves as the official record keeper for the municipality, issues licenses and permits, facilitates the annual board of review and municipal redistricting project, attends various meetings of the municipality, and serves as a resource center on functions of the local government and the community; and

Whereas; the 1,854 municipal clerks and 72 county clerks contribute to election administration by attending required training and dedicating themselves to providing fair, non-biased, non-partisan, accurate, and responsible elections in Wisconsin; and

Whereas; municipal clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the responsibilities of the office of the municipal clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops, focus groups, and annual conferences across Wisconsin;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JON C. STEEN, President of VILLAGE OF RIDGEWAY, do hereby recognize the week of May 7 through May 13, 2017, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, LORI L. PHELAN; and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Proclaimed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon C. Steen', is written over a horizontal line.