A PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF KENDALL COUNTY

Whereas, Kendall County has a long rich history in Illinois dating back to its first settlers in the 19th Century; and

Whereas, favorable weather conditions in the early 1830’s allowed hundreds of settlers to travel west to Illinois; and

Whereas, by 1838 the communities of Oswego, Newark, Yorkville, Little Rock, Lisbon, and Millington had been settled; and

Whereas, residents of Oswego, Bristol, and Little Rock townships originally traveled north to Geneva to conduct legal business at the Kane County Courthouse; and

Whereas, those living in Na Au Say, Kendall, Fox, Big Grove, Lisbon, and Seward townships traveled to Ottawa to conduct legal business at the LaSalle County Courthouse; and

Whereas, settlers living along the Fox River between Ottawa and Aurora worked together to establish a new county to call their own; and

Whereas, the original petition circulated in the fall of 1840 asked the Illinois General Assembly to establish a new county comprised of nine townships; and

Whereas, when the new county was proposed in the Illinois House of Representatives, it included the boundaries for new townships that would eventually become the townships of Little Rock, Bristol, Oswego, Fox, Kendall, Na-Au-Say, Big Grove, Lisbon, and Seward; and

Whereas, the name of the newly created county would be Kendall, in honor of Postmaster General Amos Kendall under President Andrew Jackson; and

Whereas, the legislation creating Kendall County was approved by the Illinois Senate and Illinois House of Representatives on February 13, 1841; and

Whereas, the legislation was approved on February 19, 1841.

Now Therefore Be It Proclaimed by the Kendall County Board:
That February 19, 2016 marks the 175th anniversary of the creation of Kendall County in the State of Illinois and the people of Kendall County are encouraged to recognize and celebrate this historic occasion with their fellow citizens across the County.

Adopted by the Kendall County Board this 16th day of February, 2016