

*WHEREAS* it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of Westerville, place high value on local control over community services and therefore have chosen to operate a community-owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric utility, and as consumers and owners of our electric utility, have a direct say in utility operations and policies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westerville Electric Division provides our homes, businesses, social service, and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electricity employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit rates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westerville Electric Division is a valuable community asset that contributes substantially to the well-being of local citizens through energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, economic development, and safety awareness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Westerville Electric Division is a dependable and trustworthy institution whose local operation provides many consumer protections and continues to make our community a better place in which to live and work, as well as contributes to protecting the global environment.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim that the City of Westerville Electric Division will continue to work to bring lower-cost, safe, reliable electricity to community homes and businesses just as it has since 1898, the year when the utility was created to serve all the citizens of Westerville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the week of October 5-12, 2013 be designated the 27th annual Public Power Week in order to honor the City of Westerville Electric Division for its contributions to the community and to make its consumer-owners, policy makers, and employees more aware of its contributions to their well-being and how it makes their lives powerful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our community joins hands with more than 2,000 other public power systems in the United States in this celebration of public power and recognition that the City of Westerville Electric Division is good for consumers, business, the community and the nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 1st day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

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Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor