



Mayor Mike Thoms

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the cities of Rock Island, Illinois and Davenport, Iowa have been cooperative neighbors since the founding of each community in 1835 and 1836 respectively; and
- WHEREAS,** there exists a long history of collaboration dating back to the 1850s, when the two communities were connected by the first railroad bridge across the Mississippi River; and
- WHEREAS,** Red, White, and Boom! is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of cooperation between these two communities; and
- WHEREAS,** River Vision is a cooperative plan for the redevelopment of the riverfront between the two cities; and
- WHEREAS,** the execution of said plan has brought continuous improvements and enhanced the quality of life along both riverfronts; and
- WHEREAS,** we honor the birth of our nation, those who gave all for our great country and those who serve today to protect our shores; and
- WHEREAS,** Arsenal Island, and the military commands located there, have been a significant part of the history of both communities; and
- WHEREAS,** our communities commemorate the Rock Island Arsenal and the Arsenal's importance to our region and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mike Thoms, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, congratulate the cities of Rock Island and Davenport for their improvements to the Riverfront, but also to the Rock Island Arsenal on all of its past achievements and innovations and look forward to celebrating future successes. We do hereby proclaim July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 as

### **Red, White and Boom & Military and Arsenal Appreciation Day**

in the City of Rock Island.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



Mike Thoms, Mayor