

Proclamation

WHEREAS: George Irwin, founder of the Illinois Arts Council in 1965, will be honored on Friday, April 28, 2000 at the Illinois Arts Council meeting in Quincy; and

WHEREAS: In 1947 George Irwin founded the Quincy Society of Fine Arts, the nation's first community arts organization, and served as its president for 30 years; and

WHEREAS: In 1961 George Irwin co-founded the New York-based American Council for the Arts of which he served as president and chairman until 1973; and

WHEREAS: In 1963 George Irwin was invited by Illinois Governor Otto Kerner to chair a committee to oversee the creation of a state arts council; and

WHEREAS: Locally, George Irwin is responsible for creating the Quincy Symphony Orchestra, the Quincy Chamber Music Ensemble, the Quincy Choral Society, and the Quincy Civic Band; and

WHEREAS: Over the years George Irwin has played a leadership role in numerous local, state and national organizations that include all the arts such as dance, music, theater, and the visual arts.

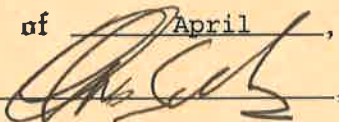
WHEREAS: George Irwin is active in numerous historic preservation activities and is president of the Friends of the Dr. Richard Eells House in Quincy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Charles W. Scholz, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 28, 2000 as

GEORGE IRWIN DAY

in the city of Quincy, and I call on all our citizens to join with me in extending gratitude and appreciation to George Irwin for all that he has done, and continues to do, for the arts.

Done at the City Hall this 28th day of April, 19 2000

 , Mayor

