

CITY OF QUINCY, ILLINOIS

**P** Official  
**roclamation**

**WHEREAS**, George Macaulay Irwin founded the nation's first arts council, the Quincy Society of Fine Arts, as well as co-founded the Illinois Arts Council and the American Council for the Arts, now known as Americans for the Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, George M. Irwin founded and directed the Quincy Symphony Orchestra, the Quincy Choral Society and the Quincy Chamber Music Ensemble, served in several capacities at the Quincy Art Club, and commissioned many new works by American composers, painters, and sculptors; and

**WHEREAS**, George M. Irwin demonstrated continued support for historic preservation as a founder of the Friends of the Dr. Richard Eells House, as chairman of the "Historic Quincy Architecture" book project, as president of the Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County, and by placing several Quincy landmarks on the National Register of Historic places; and

**WHEREAS**, George M. Irwin served as President of the Quincy Foundation, dedicating financial resources to countless community projects for the enhancement of Quincy Arts, Culture, and Education; and

**WHEREAS**, George M. Irwin has endeavored for nearly seven decades to ensure the musical, artistic and historical legacy of Quincy as well as at the state and national level;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kyle Moore, Mayor of the City of Quincy, Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 12 to April 19, 2014 as

**GEORGE M. IRWIN WEEK**

in Quincy, Illinois, and encourage every citizen to look to his example of activism and civic pride.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Moore".

,Mayor