

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Glenwood Cemetery has long been maintained by the City of Geneva and its Department of Public Works along with countless volunteers who have assisted city employees over the years to make this cemetery something for our city to be proud of; and

WHEREAS, Hank Roenke is one of those volunteers who has given his time to assist with maintenance of the Pulteney Section in Glenwood. In 1920, the City moved the Pulteney Street Cemetery to Glenwood to build the former Geneva High School, and since then, the grave stones have become worn and have sunk into the ground; and

WHEREAS, for the past four years, Mr. Roenke has been locating, raising, repairing, and resetting old marble markers and cataloging monuments in the Pulteney Section, logging a staggering 615 trips and 2,140 hours of volunteer service. He has completed a tremendous amount of research on the people buried there and routinely logs dates for the historical society's archives. If that wasn't enough, he even mows the grass in that section on a regular basis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Steve Valentino, in my capacity as Mayor for the City of Geneva, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 5, 2020 as

HANK ROENKE DAY

in the City of Geneva and offer our heartfelt thanks for his years of volunteering at Glenwood Cemetery and extend our sincere appreciation for his many contributions to transforming this 100-year-old, dilapidated cemetery section into something our City can be proud of.

Dated: November 5, 2020

Steve Valentino
Mayor