

RESOLUTION NO. 306

**A RESOLUTION HONORING SERVICE TO COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY,
CELEBRATING CITIZENSHIP
AND NAMING 19 JANUARY AS ARNOLD "PAPA" JACOBS DAY**

WHEREAS, Arnold George Jacobs, of Galva, Henry County, Illinois, was born on 26 September, 1928 in Moorhausen, Germany to Johannes and Trientje Jacobs; he arrived in the United States on 26 February, 1929 aboard the S.S. Albert Balin at the age of 0 years, 5 months; he graduated from Buckley High School; he married Lois Darlene Goodale on 30 July, 1955 in Galva, Illinois; he has two children with his beloved Lois, Richard and Deborah; and

WHEREAS, Arnold Jacobs faithfully served his Country in the United States Armed Forces from 6 January, 1951 until his honorable discharge on 24 October, 1956; and

WHEREAS, while on active duty, Arnold George Jacobs fought the North Korean communists as a member of the United States Army's 200th Infantry Regiment, 31st Division for 367 days; and

WHEREAS, for his service in the Korean Conflict, Arnold Jacobs was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Battle Star, the United Nations Service Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal; and

WHEREAS, due to his unflagging love, devotion and service to his country, the State of Illinois and the citizens of Galva, Arnold George Jacobs did seek, without success, to become a citizen of the United States of America in a quest that covered a span of years in excess of five decades; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas E. Hartman, Mayor of the City of Galva did learn of said mission to become a citizen of these United States in an article written by Katelyn Huffman for the Veteran's Day Edition of the Galva News published in the Year of Our Lord, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas E. Hartman, Mayor of the City of Galva did deem it necessary, right and just that Arnold Jacobs receive all due assistance from the City of Galva in his quest for citizenship, and effected the same from the City Administrator's Office, the offices of the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and their departments in New York City, Lincoln Nebraska, Washington, D.C., and Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Galva did furthermore earnestly request the assistance of the Honorable Phil Hare, duly elected member of the House of Representatives representing the people of the 17th Congressional District, State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Phil Hare did render aid to the City's cause, generously dedicating staff time, effort and the expertise needed for an acceptable conclusion to Arnold Jacobs quest for citizenship; and

WHEREAS, on 19 January, 2010, the long journey to Citizenship was finally realized by Arnold George Jacobs in a private ceremony in the Director's Office of the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services' offices located in Chicago, Illinois, at which ceremony Arnold George Jacobs did swear allegiance to the United States of America and his willingness to take up arms once again in her defense should his Country have need of his services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVA, ILLINOIS:

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois, that hereinafter the 19th Day of January shall be known as "**Arnie Jacobs Day**"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the City of Galva, Illinois, is hereby directed and authorized to present Arnold George Jacobs with a key to the City of Galva in recognition of Mr. Jacobs' love of flag, country and community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Galva, as petitioners, direct the City Clerk of the City of Galva to cause this Resolution to be published in the Galva News at the first opportunity following its passage; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk of the City of Galva shall cause a certified copy of this resolution to be delivered to Arnold George Jacobs within thirty days after its passage as testament to "Papa Arnie's" steadfast commitment and unswerving loyalty to his nation, state and city.