

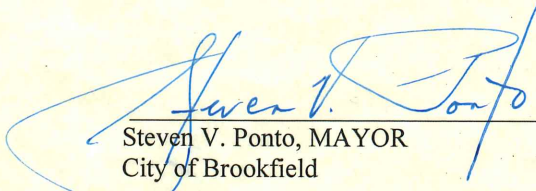
Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Jacob Ruby immigrated from Germany in 1847 and his family farmed in the Brookfield area and were well known for their Belgian draft horses; and
- WHEREAS, Rolland J. Ruby, the grandson of Jacob Ruby, operated the Ruby Farm until 1953, when he started a real estate business. In the early 1960's, Rolland Ruby built Ruby Isle Shopping Center and started the Elm Brook State Bank; and
- WHEREAS, Jake Ruby, the son of Rolland Ruby, met Gay Alberts at the Wisconsin State Fair in 1970, were married, and have made giving back to their community a priority; and
- WHEREAS, Jake Ruby has given his time to the Brain Injury Association, the Wisconsin Donor Network, Hope Center's Project Move, and the maintenance programs of the Women's Center and My Home Your Home. Together with Gay, he founded the Red Stone Project, which has funded videos for Family Service, the Hope Center, Parents Place, Women and Girls Fund, Interfaith Senior Programs and United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County. They also co-founded the Integrity Scholarship Fund for needy college students and funded videos for brain-injured veterans and citizens for the national Brain Injury Association; and
- WHEREAS, Gay Ruby has served on boards and committees for Parents Place, Family Service of Waukesha, the Hope Center, the Women and Girls Fund, Lake Country Children's Theater, and with her church. She has touched the lives of families while serving as a shelter advocate and hotline counselor at The Women's Center and facilitating parenting programs at Parents Place;
- WHEREAS, Gay Ruby served on the Hartland Public Library board for twelve years and the Waukesha County Federated Library System board for seven years. She has been an active volunteer for ProHealth Home Care and Angels Grace Hospice since 2006. She is also a FEMA reservist and has been deployed 57 times to federal disasters; and
- WHEREAS, Jake Ruby manages Ruby Isle Shopping Center in Brookfield;
- WHEREAS, John Ruby, son of Jake and Gay Ruby, prioritizes helping the homeless population of Los Angeles and is a regular volunteer at the Sunday morning breakfasts of The Midnight Mission; and Dr. Jeannine Ruby, daughter of Jake and Gay Ruby, has lent her skills to international medical volunteer mission trips in Bolivia, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua; and
- WHEREAS, the Ruby Family has been recognized by Family Service of Waukesha as their 2015 Family of the Year, setting an example to others of "Building a Family & Leaving a Legacy;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven V. Ponto, Mayor of the City of Brookfield, in recognition of the contributions of the Ruby Family to our community and beyond, do hereby proclaim, the 18th day of June, 2015, as "**Ruby Family Day**" in the City of Brookfield.

Signed and sealed this 18th day of June,
Two Thousand Fifteen




Steven V. Ponto, MAYOR
City of Brookfield