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Monday to be proclaimed ‘State Senator Mike Connolly Day’

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol will proclaim Monday, May 19, as “State Senator Mike Connolly Day” in Dubuque. The proclamation will be made at the regular City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of the Historic Federal Building at 350 West 6th Street.

Connolly is retiring from the Iowa General Assembly after 30 years of service. He was instrumental in securing the first public funding for the riverfront redevelopment project now known as *America’s River*, ensuring the establishment of the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. Connolly also led the effort to reformulate the Road Use Tax Fund in the late 1980s, which resulted in the construction of three, four-lane highway connectors to Dubuque, providing for economic development and growth of the Tri-State area. He also led the effort, with Governor Vilsack, to establish such legacy programs as Vision Iowa and the Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Development Fund which have been instrumental in Dubuque’s riverfront redevelopment.

Mayor Buol will make the proclamation at the beginning of the meeting Monday evening. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public. They are also broadcasted live on CityChannel 8, Dubuque’s local government access channel on the local Mediacom cable system.

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