

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of Independence, place a high value on local choice over community services and therefore have chosen to operate a community-owned, not-for-profit electric utility and, as customers and owners of our electric utility, have a direct say in utility operations and policies; and

WHEREAS, Independence Power & Light provides our homes, businesses, schools, and social service and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and safe electricity employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit rates; and

WHEREAS, Independence Power & Light is a valuable community asset that contributes to the well-being of local citizens through energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, economic development, and safety awareness; and

WHEREAS, Independence Power & Light is a dependable and trustworthy institution whose local operation provides many consumer protections and continues to make our community a better place to live and work, and contributes to protecting the global environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Independence Power & Light will continue to work to bring low-cost, safe, reliable, and environmentally-friendly electricity to community homes and businesses just as it has since 1901, the year when the utility was created to serve all the citizens of Independence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the week of Oct. 1-7 be designated Public Power Week to recognize the people behind public power at Independence Power & Light for their contributions to the community and to educate customer-owners, policymakers, and employees on the benefits of public power; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our community joins hands with more than 2,000 other public power systems in the United States in this celebration of public power, which puts our residents, businesses, and the community before profits.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence to be affixed this 2nd day of October 2023.

Rory R. Rowland, Mayor

Attest:

Dee Dee Meier, Interim City Clerk