

WHEREAS, October is recognized nationally as National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) to commemorate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities to America’s workplaces and economy; and

WHEREAS, Job One has been leading efforts to champion job choice for people with disabilities in our community by providing employment opportunities focused on individual needs and talents in both facility-based and community-based environments for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, Job One encourages our community to reflect on the importance of ensuring that people with disabilities have full access to employment and community involvement. Together, we can make a difference for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Independence benefit greatly from the support and services that Job One and Job One Careers provide to neurodiverse individuals in their community; and

WHEREAS, Job One Week, from October 1 through October 7, will include outreach events throughout the community to increase the city's knowledge and understanding of Job One and its mission; and

WHEREAS, Job One is the largest and programmatically diverse organization of its kind in the State of Missouri.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Rory Rowland, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the week of October 1-7, 2023 as

Job One Week

and I call upon the people of the City of Independence to join their fellow residents across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

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