

WHEREAS, Scouts BSA Boys Troop 1865, Scouts BSA Girls Troop 7865, and Cub Scout Pack 4865, are all chartered by St. Mark Catholic Parish in Independence; and

WHEREAS, Scouting has been at the forefront of instilling timeless values in youth since its founding in 1910; and

WHEREAS, this national youth movement has made serving others through its values-based program its mission; and

WHEREAS, Scouting is committed to helping millions of youth succeed by providing the support, friendship, and mentoring necessary to live a happy and fulfilling life; and

WHEREAS, Scouts are celebrating Scouting's 114th Anniversary on February 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Scouts from Troops 1865 and 7865 are working towards Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge by appearing before the Independence City Council on February 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, 138 members of Troop 1865 have attained the rank of Eagle Scout since its founding in 1971; and

WHEREAS, there are many community organizations that make Scouting available for thousands of youth members in our area who participate in Scouting programs as a means for character building, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed, that I, Rory Rowland, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri, designate February 7, 2024 as: Scouts BSA Boys Troop 1865, Scouts BSA Girls Troop 7865, and Cub Scout Pack 4865 in Independence. Furthermore, I join with citizens of this community to express our appreciation to Scouting programs for their interest in and dedication to America's youth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Independence, Missouri to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

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**Rory R. Rowland, Mayor**

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**Susanne Holland, City Clerk**