

WHEREAS, the land that would become the state of Missouri was included in the Louisiana Purchase, in which the United States acquired the 828,000 square miles of the Louisiana Territory from France for \$15 million dollars in 1803; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Territory, including the future Missouri, was explored by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark at the direction of President Thomas Jefferson from 1803 to 1806; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri was admitted into the Union of the United States of America on August 10, 1821 as the 24th state in the union; and

WHEREAS, the year 2021 marks the bicentennial of the State of Missouri's admission into the Union; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's history, beginning even before its statehood, is rich in colorful characters, adventure, bravery, and the embodiment of the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has a rich and complex history; and

WHEREAS, Independence is one of the state's earliest and most historic communities founded on March 29, 1827; and

WHEREAS, Independence history is itself "a great American story" which includes western migration, Civil War conflict, significant religious history as well as the home of Harry Truman, our nation's 33rd president; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eileen N. Weir, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri by virtue of the authority vested in me do hereby proclaim the month of August, as

INDEPENDENCE'S MISSOURI BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

and encourage all citizens to visit our wonderful historic sites, attend special community bicentennial events and appreciate our own extraordinary history as well as the Show-Me State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence, Missouri, to be affixed this 2nd day of August 2021.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK