

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of EMS organizations are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services embody the true concept of teamwork by recognizing the inter-dependent relationship among the trauma centers, EMS system hospitals, emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and other who are dedicated to saving lives; and

WHEREAS, the members of EMS organizations, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, the City of Independence Fire Department has been providing emergency medical services at the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) level since 1993, augmenting their level of service with Paramedics beginning in 2000, with 54 paramedics and 114 EMTs currently on staff; and American Medical Response (AMR) has been providing emergency medical services including transport at the paramedic level since 1994; and

WHEREAS, 2022's EMS Strong national theme **“Rising to the Challenge”**, reflects the continued selfless dedication that makes EMS providers so vital, and recognizes the sacrifices that EMS professionals make as they continue to respond to the unique and everyday emergencies that occur in their communities while fighting to preserve their own physical and mental well-being;

THEREFORE, I, Rory Rowland, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2022, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

and call this observance to the attention of the community and encourage them to join 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 ____ day of May 2022.

MAYOR

Attest:

CITY CLERK