

WHEREAS, for half a century, local governments in the Kansas City region have come together through the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) to partner on regional initiatives and develop innovative solutions; and

WHEREAS, the region consists of nine counties and 119 cities which benefit from working across boundaries on a wide variety of issues and coordinating with diverse disciplines and sectors, including cities, counties, nonprofit organizations, social services, educational systems and special districts; and

WHEREAS, the region’s leaders engage in informed decision-making through insightful data analysis and participate in a problem-solving forum to positively impact progress; and

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction and individual has a role in creating a strong regional community and enabling everyone to come together to achieve positive change for the next 50 years; and

WHEREAS, MARC is an organization that promotes regional cooperation through leadership, planning and action, and is guided by the core values of integrity, innovation, collaboration, diversity and inclusion, excellence in performance, and service leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Independence, Missouri has participated or benefited from working across boundaries, allowing us to better serve residents because of our regional work regarding public safety, transportation, environment, early learning, aging and shared local government services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rory. R. Rowland, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri celebrates the collaborative work that’s been accomplished over the past 50 years and dedicate June 10, 2022, the day of MARC’s annual Regional Assembly, as “MARC 50—Forward Day” in recognition of the enormous progress the region will continue to make over the next five decades;

and urge local leaders and community members to reflect on the great progress made in the past 50 years and join us in welcoming a future built upon strong regional collaboration, connections, relationships and accomplishments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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MAYOR

Attest:

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