WHEREAS, being kind can go a long way, but many times it's not recognized; and

WHEREAS, the Kindest Kansas Citian Awards are celebrating kindness for the 32<sup>nd</sup> year; and

WHEREAS, part of the event honors 20 Kindest Kansas Citians nominated by students, ranging from kindergarten to seniors in high school; and

WHEREAS, Lexis Diaz, a sophomore at Fort Osage High School nominated Shelly Cartwright as her Kindest Kansas Citian; and

WHEREAS, Lexis says "Finding it in her heart to help someone at their lowest point in life is the most humanly possible thing you can do to show your kindness. Not only is she helping others in her community, but she's keeping her son's name alive"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Independence wants to recognize Lexis Diaz for her thoughtful and kind words; and

WHEREAS, the City of Independence celebrates these inspiring examples of kindness!

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rory R. Rowland, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri, do hereby proclaim May  $16,\,2022$  as

## **Lexis Diaz Day**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Independence, Missouri to be affixed this  $16^{th}$  day of May, 2022.