WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is a nationwide event held each September; and

WHEREAS, the goal of National Preparedness Month is to increase awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and to encourage individuals to take action; and

WHEREAS, the City of Independence will not be truly prepared for a disaster until every individual, family, and business takes personal responsibility for being prepared; and

WHEREAS, all residents of the City of Independence should take steps to prepare for emergencies, as residents must have the ability to care for themselves and their loved ones for an extended period of time during an emergency, such as making a plan, building an emergency kit and learning more about the disaster preparedness overall and

WHEREAS, the City of Independence also officially recognizes the many volunteers involved with the Medical Reserve Corps Greater Kansas City, the Community Emergency Response Team, the Disaster Animal Response Team, the Emergency Communications Service group and Command Staff volunteers who routinely offer their invaluable services to make our community safer.

THEREFORE, I, Rory R. Rowland, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022, as

National Preparedness Month

and I call upon the people of the City Independence to join their fellow residents across the United States in recognizing and participating 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 6^{th} day of September 2022

MAYOR		
Attest:_		
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