

WHEREAS, Rotary was founded on February 23rd, 1905 by Paul Harris and is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, there are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Independence, chartered on November 13, 1937, celebrated its 85th anniversary at their weekly meeting on November 1st, 2022, at the West Side Cafe in Independence, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Club’s 103 active members and 6 honorary members continue to be guided by the “The Four Way Test”, which has been translated into more than 100 languages and obligates every Rotarian to apply four tests to all that they think, say, and do: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?; and

WHEREAS, the Club directs its efforts to enhance its local and global impact, including: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies, and protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Club lives out the Rotary motto “Service above Self” through volunteerism at innumerable community events and activities; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Club has become well known for its annual “Mardis Gras” celebration, benefitting such causes as the Independence Uptown Market, KC Scholars, the Truman Library and Museum, Englewood Arts, the Northwest Communities Development Corporation, and Mother’s Refuge;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rory R. Rowland, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of Independence, Missouri, do hereby thank the Rotary Club of Independence for 85 years of volunteering in Independence, express appreciation for its ongoing community spirit and wish the Club and its members a wonderful anniversary celebration and many more years of meaningful service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence to be affixed this 21st day of November, 2022.

MAYOR

Attest:

CITY CLERK