

Mayor's Civility Award

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BILL NO. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE MAYOR'S CIVILITY AWARD.

WHEREAS, civility is defined as "formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech"; and,

WHEREAS, the Institute for Civility in Government holds that "civility is about more than politeness...civility is claiming and caring for one's identity, needs and beliefs without degrading someone else's in the process"; and,

WHEREAS, there is a persistent and growing polarization of ideas in our county which threatens the effectiveness and efficiency of the governing process; and,

WHEREAS, the best way to change our culture is to reward and recognize civil behavior. It is common knowledge that what gets rewarded gets repeated. We want to encourage civil behavior; and

WHEREAS, civil behavior encourages disagreement in a respectful and polite manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor's Civility Award is hereby created.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor shall present the Civility Award to those individuals who exemplify civility in the public forum, which may include, but shall not be limited to, disagreeing without disrespect, seeking common ground as a starting point for dialogue about differences, listening past one's preconceptions, and teaching others to do the same.

SECTION 3. That the Mayor is entitled to present the Civility Award as regularly as he or she chooses.

PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

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City Manager