

WHEREAS; Harry S Truman Chapter of the Missouri Society of the American Revolution recognizes George Washington's birthday; and

WHEREAS; February 22<sup>nd</sup>, is celebrated in honor of George Washington "The Father of our Country to acknowledge the many sacrifices and contributions he made in the birth of our Nation; and

WHEREAS; George Washington by his example clearly defined what it means to be an American, and through his actions exemplified the meaning of the words, ideals, devotion and love of country; and

WHEREAS; George Washington serving as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, with great character and leadership led the army to victory against what seemed insurmountable odds; and

WHEREAS; George Washington was instrumental in the formation of our new government and presided over the Constitutional Convention in 1787; and

WHEREAS; George Washington lived by his written rules of civility and set the moral tone of our new Nation. His honesty, integrity, and loyalty made him the most beloved and respected man in America; and

WHEREAS; George Washington was elected the First President of the United States, through his strength and wisdom guided our fragile new government through the first eight years of its infancy; and

WHEREAS; George Washington stepped down after two terms in office in his Farewell Address, September 19, 1796, President Washington said, The basis of our political system is the right of the people to make and to alter their Constitution of Government. But the Constitution which at all times exists, "till changed by explicit and authentic act of the whole People is sacredly obligatory upon all; and

WHEREAS; George Washington died December 14, 1799, upon his death, President Adams said "His example is now complete, and it will teach wisdom and virtue to magistrates, citizens, and men, not only in the present age, but future generations, as long as our history shall be read."

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 proclaim February 22, 2023, to be

**GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

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**MAYOR**

Attest:

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**CITY CLERK**