

WHEREAS, SevenDays Make a Ripple, Change the World is an annual event to overcome hatred, bigotry and ignorance; and,

WHEREAS, SevenDays continues with themed days of Love, Discover, Others, Connect, You, Go, and Onward as we bring people from different faiths and cultures together to overcome evil with acts of kindness; and,

WHEREAS, the memories of three wonderful and unique people, Dr. William Corporon, Reat Underwood, and Terri LaManno, who lost their lives in April 2014 due to acts of hatred, will live on and will be cherished; and,

WHEREAS, SevenDays expands its acts of compassion, tolerance and understanding to those who gather and celebrate the lives lost due to acts of hatred and intolerance; and,

WHEREAS, we fully support and encourage all in Independence, including residents, businesses, and visitors to come together during the SevenDays two weeks of celebratory activities to recognize that evil, ignorance, and hatred will be eliminated by understanding, kindness and love.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rory R. Rowland, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri, do hereby proclaim April 5 through April 16, 2023 in recognition of SevenDays, in Independence, Missouri and urge all citizens to remember the events of April 13, 2014, not only for the losses of that day but also for the significance of the powerful and enduring vow to overcome evil with good.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence to be affixed this 5th day of April, 2023.

MAYOR

Attest:

CITY CLERK