

WHEREAS, we the people did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America to secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens fully understand the provisions, principles and meaning of the Constitution so they can support, preserve and defend it against encroachment; and

WHEREAS, Constitution Week provides an opportunity for all Americans to learn about and to reflect upon the rights and privileges of citizenship and its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Congress, by a joint resolution of February 29, 1952, designated September 17 as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and by joint resolution of August 2, 1956, requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as “Constitution Week;” and it is fitting to accord official City recognition to this important anniversary; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2023, marked the two hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States by our Nation’s founders with commemorations of this significant event occurring in Independence, the State of Missouri and throughout these United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rory R. Rowland, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri, do hereby acknowledge Sunday, September 17, 2023, as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 2023, as Constitution Week in the City of Independence and encourage all citizens to learn more about this important beginning to our country’s history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence, Missouri, to be affixed this 17th day of September, 2023.

Rory R. Rowland, **MAYOR**

Attest:

Dee Dee Meier, INTERIM CITY CLERK