

WHEREAS, we the people did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America to secure the blessing 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 it, and 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, September 17, 2023, marks the two hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States by our Nation’s founders; and

WHEREAS, the Congress, by a joint resolution of February 29, 1952, designated September 17 as “Citizenship Day” and by a 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 State recognition to this important anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Independence City Council commends the Independence Patriots Chapter of the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for lending leadership to promoting this historic and patriotic observance and preserving our cherished American heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rory R. Rowland, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2023, as Citizenship Day and the week of September 17 through 23, 2022, as Constitution Week in the City of Independence, and encourage all leaders of civic, social, and educational organizations and programs to celebrate our Constitution and reaffirm our rights and obligations as citizens of our great Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence, Missouri, to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

---

**Rory R. Rowland, MAYOR**

**Attest:**

---

**Dee Dee Meier, INTERIM CITY CLERK**