

The City of Richmond Heights Resolution

RESOLUTION NO: 70-2024

Introduced By: All of Council and Mayor Thomas

A Resolution Acknowledging and Celebrating National Cities, Towns and Villages Month

Whereas the National League of Cities was founded in 1924 in Lawrence, Kansas, as the American Municipal Association by state municipal leagues seeking more coordination and national representation as cities, towns, and villages expanded rapidly;

Whereas, the nonpartisan National League of Cities is the oldest and largest organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States, representing the interests of more than 19,000 cities, towns, and villages across the country;

Whereas today, the National League of Cities works in partnership with 49 state municipal leagues across the country to strengthen local leadership, drive innovation, and influence the federal policies that impact local programs and operations;

Whereas, as the voice of cities, towns, and villages in Washington, DC, the National League of Cities has successfully championed federal legislative solutions that support municipalities and has worked closely with Congress and the Executive Branch to educate policymakers on the realities of local implementation;

Whereas, The City of Richmond Heights is a proud member of the National League of Cities, and has benefited from the organization's research, technical expertise, federal advocacy and opportunities to learn from other local governments;

Whereas, local governments are the bedrock of American democracy, providing 336 million residents with the most accountable, responsive, inclusive, ethical, and transparent government in the world;

Whereas, from the nation's smallest villages to its largest cities, America's local governments have been essential in transforming the United States of America into the greatest, most influential nation in world history;

Whereas, The City of Richmond Heights was first incorporated in 1917 and is proudly served today by Mayor Kim A. Thomas; Council Members: Bobby Jordan, President; Juanita Lewis at Large; Dan Ursu, at Large; Tracy Justice, Ward 1; Asu Mook Robinson, Ward 2; Cassandra Nelson, Ward 3; and Brian Silver, Ward 4.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City of Richmond Heights Council and Mayor Kim A. Thomas that May 2024 is acknowledged and will be celebrated in the City as National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month in recognition of America's local governments and the National League of Cities' historic centennial anniversary.

This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: April 16, 2024

APPROVED: April 16, 2024

ATTEST: Tracy Blair

Tracy Blair, Clerk

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Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

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Bobby Jordan, President of Council

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