

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this year marks the 25th United States Exercise Tiger Foundation (USTF) Adopt A Warrior program held in Columbia, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the United States Exercise Tiger Foundation was named in recognition of the deadliest military training operation during World War II; and

WHEREAS, the first United States Exercise Tiger Foundation Chapter west of the Mississippi was established by Susan Haines in Columbia, Missouri in 1996; and

WHEREAS, its mission is to provide, coordinate, and develop annual ceremonies honoring veterans, active military, students, citizens, and communities deserving recognition for their patriotic or positive actions affecting US society; and

WHEREAS, the first Adopt a Warrior program was held in 1999 honoring four airmen and non-commissioned officers along with the Company Grade Officer of the Quarter from the United States Air Force's Air Combat Command's 509th Bomb Wing; and

WHEREAS, the program had been so successful that it was expanded to honor all branches of military service the following year; and

WHEREAS, this year's Adopt A Warrior program, the 25th class, honors fourteen Missouri stationed warriors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri do hereby proclaim Friday, November 10, 2023 as

USTF ADOPT A WARRIOR PROGRAM DAY

in the City of Columbia, Missouri, and ask everyone to recognize and celebrate the sacrifices of those that have served as well as those that support those that serve in our military.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Columbia, this 10th day of November, 2023.

Barbara Buffaloe

Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheela Amin

Sheela Amin, City Clerk