

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 'Carrosses a cinq sols' ("Five Penny Coaches"), which began on March 18, 1662 in Paris, is considered the first form of public transportation in the world that had become functional; and

WHEREAS, bus service in Columbia started in 1939 as a privately-run business and was taken over by the City in 1965 at the request of that business owner; and

WHEREAS, since then, bus service in Columbia has continued to grow and adapt to the public's needs, eventually garnering an annual ridership of over one million passengers; and

WHEREAS, public transit and paratransit in Columbia provides a lifeline to its residents, taking them to places such as work, shops, doctor's offices, and school; and

WHEREAS, these services, provided by the City, would not be possible without the strong work of our transit operators and supporting staff; and

WHEREAS, the concept of a Transit Driver Appreciation Day first began in 2009 and has since spread throughout the country, and is especially significant now when there is a shortage of bus and other transit drivers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri do hereby proclaim Monday, March 18, 2024, as

TRANSIT DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

in the City of Columbia, Missouri, and urge community members to ride the bus and thank our drivers for their hard work.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Columbia, this 18th day of March, 2024.

Barbara Buffaloe

Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheela Amin

Sheela Amin, City Clerk