

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of Central Missouri was launched on May 5, 2010 as a nonprofit and has provided ways to connect the needs of people with the generosity of donors; and

WHEREAS, John Baker began working with the Community Foundation of Central Missouri on July 14, 2011, and due to his dedication, it has grown and thrived; and

WHEREAS, under John Baker's leadership, the Community Foundation of Central Missouri has inspired and nurtured philanthropy for the public good and has led the way by employing the sustainable power of philanthropy in support of nonprofit missions in our ten-county service area; and

WHEREAS, John Baker established CoMoGives, one of the first online campaigns in the State of Missouri, bringing in \$2,056,712 in 2023 for the benefit of 175 participating non-profits; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of Central Missouri, under the guidance of John Baker, also offers competitive Community Support Grants and Community Impact Grants to support new or existing programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, a celebration is being held today in honor of John Baker, who is officially retiring on April 12, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 3, 2024 as

JOHN D. BAKER DAY

in honor of John Baker's expertise and dedicated service to the community through the Community Foundation of Central Missouri, and ask that everyone join me in wishing him well in his retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Columbia, this 3rd day of April, 2024.



Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheela Amin, City Clerk

