

WHEREAS, “Tennies for Kids” aims to provide shoes to children in need in Jackson County before the start of the 2013-14 school year recognizing that having the right pair of shoes can help a child avoid distractions, feel more self-confident, and, ultimately, do better in school; and

WHEREAS, thanks to partnerships, shoes are bought for only \$10 per pair and “Tennies for Kids” is in its third year of distributing shoes to children of Independence and Jackson County as part of a back to school campaign held the first and second week of August where in 2012 over 1,000 pairs of shoes helping the most deserving area families, were distributed at Community Services League’s annual Back to School Fair along with new school supplies to start off the school year; and

WHEREAS, numerous clubs are involved with the program along with many area churches and scores of individuals donating shoes or funds; and

WHEREAS, “Tennies for Kids”, using donation monies have been able to partner with the Independence School District and provide decent tennies to send 14 children to the Mind Stream Program to help obese children lose weight, where those attending the program lost cumulatively, 750 pounds; and

WHEREAS, local “Tennies for Kids” collection sites include Community Services League, Walnut Gardens Community of Christ, Stone Church Community of Christ, East 39th Street Community of Christ and the United Methodist Church.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don B. Reimal, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of Independence, Missouri, do hereby proclaim July 15, 2013, as:

TENNIES FOR KIDS DAY

in Independence, Missouri, and encourage all residents to join me in helping and encouraging the youth of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence to be affixed this 15th day of July, 2013.

MAYOR

Attest:

CITY CLERK