

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's Companies, Inc. have designated the week of May 6 – May 14, 2017, as National Women Build Week, to highlight the efforts of the Women Build program which recruits, educates, and empowers women to build and advocate for decent and affordable houses in their communities; and,

WHEREAS, Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity, a service agency for the City of Independence, is joining 300 Habitat for Humanity affiliates across 49 states during National Women Build Week, uniting more than 17,000 women volunteers on Women Build sites across the country; and,

WHEREAS, during Women Build Week women in our community and all across the country will partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place for a woman-led family household to call home, a place where she can achieve the strength, stability and independence she needs to build a better life for herself and her family; and,

WHEREAS, this year, National Women Build Week will reach the milestone of having engaged more than 100,000 women from across the nation since 2008; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative helps provide decent and affordable homeownership opportunities, and lifts neighborhoods and the pride of residents, through joint efforts between Habitat and its partner families, volunteers, sponsors, community organizations, and business and government leaders; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Independence has awarded grant funding to Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity through the federal HOME Program that will result in the substantial rehabilitation of two vacant and blighted single-family homes for affordable homeownership opportunities for women-led family households.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eileen N. Weir, Mayor of the City of Independence, Missouri by virtue of the authority vested in me do hereby proclaim the week of May 6 – May 14, 2017, as

NATIONAL WOMEN BUILD WEEK

and call upon the people of Independence to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence, Missouri, to be affixed this 2nd day of May 2017.

MAYOR

Attest:

CITY CLERK