



Proclamation

Designation of May as National Tennis Month

WHEREAS, On May 21, 1881, the USTA, originally known as the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, was founded in New York City, New York, to create rules and standards for the emerging game of lawn tennis; and

WHEREAS, The USTA is the nonprofit, national governing body for tennis in the United States, and leads the promotion and growth of the sport at every level of play, from beginners to professionals at the US Open; and

WHEREAS, The USTA is the largest tennis organization in the world, with over 550,000 members from every corner of the country; and


WHEREAS, The USTA proudly partners with local tennis programs to showcase the important health, social, and educational benefits of tennis, and make the sport available to everyone, regardless of age, environment, condition, or ability, through its USTA Adaptive grants; and

WHEREAS, By increasing the accessibility of tennis for citizens of Independence of all ages and abilities, the USTA has contributed to making our community happier and healthier; and


WHEREAS, USTA has declared the month of May as National Tennis Month to encourage players, organizations, facilities, retailers, tennis manufacturers and more to promote local programs and activities, at parks and facilities to showcase tennis and spread the word about the sport and its benefits, and to help players and non-players alike find courts and play opportunities in their communities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Kevin King, Mayor, that May is recognized as National Tennis Month in the city of Independence, Missouri.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence, Missouri to be affixed this 1st day of May 2026.


Kevin King, MAYOR

Attest:


Susanne Holland, CITY CLERK

