

Proclamation

City of
Liberty, Missouri



WHEREAS, on May 21, 1881, the United States Tennis Association (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

WEREAS, 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

WEREAS, the USTA is the largest tennis organization in the world, with more than 550,000 members from every corner of the country; and

WEREAS, 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

WEREAS, the latest research by the Physical Activity Council (PAC) shows that more than 25.3 million Americans played tennis in 2025, an unprecedented 6.2 percent increase in participation over 2024 and the highest number of players since the PAC study began in 2007; and

WEREAS, by increasing the accessibility of tennis for citizens of Liberty of all ages and abilities, the USTA has contributed to making our community happier and healthier; and

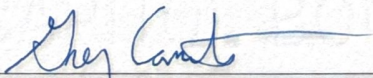
WEREAS, USTA has declared the month of May as National Tennis Month to encourage players, organizations, facilities, retailers, tennis manufacturers and more to promote local programs and activities, at parks and facilities to showcase tennis and spread the word about the sport and its benefits, and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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Canuteson, Mayor of the City of Liberty, Clay County, Missouri, do hereby proclaim May 2026, as

National Tennis Month

in the City of Liberty, and I urge all citizens to become aware of and support National Tennis Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Liberty, Clay County, Missouri this 1st day of May, 2026.



Greg Canuteson
Mayor