PROCLAMATION

Celebrating the 20TH Anniversary of Joplin Recycling Center

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2000, the City opened a modest drop-off recycling center carved out of repurposed land at the Public Works Center; and

WHEREAS, the center has hosted annual special events such as compost bin giveaways, tire drop offs, document destruction service, and more; and

WHEREAS, the center became an important component to the City's residential curbside recycling program in June 2016, by accepting items not available to curbside customers; and

WHEREAS, the center accepts traditional recyclables and non-traditional items such as packing materials, batteries, all metal scrap, household hazardous waste, old electronics, cooking oil, plus it has a document destruction service and a "reuse" table; and

WHEREAS, the center has recycled nearly twenty-three million pounds of commodities; and

WHEREAS, recycling creates jobs, saves natural resources, lengthens the life of area landfills, and promotes an awareness of reducing, reusing, and rethinking.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gary Shaw, Mayor of the City of Joplin, do hereby proclaim January 11, 2020, as the **20TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOPLIN RECYCLING CENTER** and urge all citizens to celebrate this event by utilizing the center.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Joplin to be affixed this Date of January 6, 2020.

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Gary L. Shaw, Mayor