PROCLAMATION

Celebrating 40 years of service for Joplin NALA Read

WHEREAS, Joplin NALA Read is celebrating 40 years of service to the Joplin community with a "Literacy Liftoff" celebration from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at the Missouri Southern Soccer fields area; and

WHEREAS, NALA stands for Neighborhood Adult Literacy Action and is a non-profit organization that started in 1981, and serves an average of 150 people per year through volunteer tutors who work with students throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, NALA is committed to the mission of fostering and strengthening literacy skills and coordinating with community resources to provide services to enable learners to reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ryan Stanley, Mayor of the City of Joplin, Missouri, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2021 as

"LITERACY LIFTOFF"

to celebrate Joplin NALA's 40 years of service and urge our citizens to reaffirm our commitment to eliminate illiteracy.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Joplin to be affixed this 7th day of September 2021.

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Ryan D, Stanley, Mayor