PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH AND
OCTOBER 30, 2018 AS WEATHERIZATION DAY

Whereas, the Weatherization Assistance Program is the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program and was established by the U.S. Department of Energy in 1976 to make homes more energy efficient, safer, and healthier for those with low and moderate income; and

Whereas, in the last three years, the Program has been able to improve more than 6,200 homes, locally we are completing 275 homes; and

Whereas, the Weatherization Assistance Program is operated primarily by Community Action Agencies as part of their effort to help people sustain themselves and advance economically and socially; and

Whereas, the Weatherization Assistance Program has injected over $160 million into communities to improve nearly 74,000 homes; thereby affecting the lives of thousands of Southwest Missourians; and

Whereas, Weatherization efforts contribute to Missouri's economic, social and environmental programs by creating jobs and improving housing, neighborhoods, reducing homelessness, eliminating carbon emissions and reducing the risk of fire.

Now therefore, I, Gary L. Shaw, Mayor of the City of Joplin, Missouri do hereby proclaim October 2018 as **Energy Awareness Month** and **October 20, 2018 as Weatherization Day** and urge our citizens to work together to support and strengthen the Weatherization Assistance Program which has done so much for the betterment of all.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of Joplin to be affixed this 15th day of October 2018.

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Gary L. Shaw, Mayor