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Section 1 – City Council hereby recognizes Clay Goddard’s many achievements and gives thanks to the contributions he made to his community on the occasion of his retirement.

Section 2 – This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Passed at meeting: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____, City Clerk

Filed as Resolution _____

Approved as to form: Rhonda Lewoaden, City Attorney

Approved for Council action: Jason A. Hays, City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2021- 039

FILED 02-16-21

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk's Office

PURPOSE: Recognizing Director of Public Health and Welfare, William C. "Clay" Goddard upon the occasion of his retirement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Clay began his career with the City as a college intern in the Health Department in 1996. He climbed the departmental ranks, holding numerous positions, including Program Health Representative, Health Data Analyst, Computer Systems Coordinator, Community Health Planner, Health Program Administrator, Director of Information Systems, Assistant Director of Health, and ultimately, Director of Public Health and Welfare in 2017.

During Clay's leadership, the department has achieved many milestones and accomplishments including earning national accreditation, the passage of Springfield's Tobacco21 ordinance, and the successful Regional Health Assessment and Community Mental Health and Substance Use Assessment.

When COVID-19 became a global pandemic, Clay brought together his department to face extraordinary challenges, while providing hope and guidance to citizens during a very difficult time. Clay met the challenge of navigating the region during the worst public health crisis of our lifetime and did so with perseverance and leadership.

Clay is retiring from City and County Service and has accepted the role of Senior Director of Public Health Transformation at the Missouri Foundation of Health where he will address the challenges public health entities face across the state.

Submitted and recommended by:



Anita Cotter, City Clerk

Approved by:



Ken McClure, Mayor