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COUNCIL BILL 2018- 159 RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION

1 RECOGNIZING Springfield City Manager Greg Burris for his nearly 10 years of service  
2 in the role of City Manager, overseeing the fast-paced, high-volume  
3 work of the community’s most functionally-diverse organization.  
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6 WHEREAS, Greg Burris took an oath of office, swearing to uphold the laws of  
7 our City; guiding the organization to continuously meet high standards for livability and  
8 economic health; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the City has been named one of the “Top 5 Best Cities to Start a  
11 Business,” one of the “Top 30 Best Cities for Job Growth,” and one of the “Top 40 For  
12 Business and Careers” during his tenure as City Manager; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the City has experienced a resurgence in its downtown area and  
15 Springfield has a thriving creative arts scene and is home to many visual artists, writers,  
16 musicians, dancers, and filmmakers who work in and around the City; and  
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18 WHEREAS, Greg Burris has led the City through a dramatic financial economic down-  
19 turn during his time as City Manager, and has served as a visionary leader, strategic thinker,  
20 and creative problem solver; and  
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22 WHEREAS, he has created close, positive, productive, and lasting relationships  
23 with numerous community stakeholders, both appreciating and valuing the inputs each  
24 has on making Springfield a vital city; and  
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26 WHEREAS, his tireless work ethic and ability to bring teams of people together to  
27 proactively and successfully address difficult issues are characteristics that both he and  
28 the City have become known for during his tenure; and  
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30 WHEREAS, with community support, Greg addressed a \$200-million-dollar  
31 shortfall in the Police-Fire Pension Fund, presented a balanced budget each year  
32 without borrowing from or dipping into the City’s reserves, and oversaw more than \$400  
33 million in savings for citizens by creatively addressing unfunded federal environmental  
34 mandates through a first-of-its-kind integrated plan for the environment; and  
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36 WHEREAS, auditors have consistently rated Springfield favorably, issuing only  
37 clean external audits; the City has received the highest possible ratings in all eight  
38 external audits performed during Greg's tenure; and Moody's has continued to reaffirm  
39 the City's Aa1 bond rating – the second highest such rating a city can earn.  
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41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
42 SPRINGFIELD as follows, that:  
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44 Section 1 – City Council hereby congratulates Greg Burris for his ten (10) years  
45 of committed and exceptional service to the City of Springfield, Missouri, and expresses  
46 its sincere appreciation for his dedication to the citizens of Springfield.  
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48 Section 2 – This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and in  
49 so doing, Monday, June 18, 2018, is hereby proclaimed Greg Burris Day in the City of  
50 Springfield, Missouri.  
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52 Passed at meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
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55 Mayor

56 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk  
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60 Filed as Resolution \_\_\_\_\_  
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62 Approved as to form: Franklin Don Bonner II, City Attorney  
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65 Approved for Council action: Collin O'Byrne, Assistant City Manager  
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## EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2018-159

FILED 06-12-18

**PURPOSE:** Recognizing Springfield City Manager Greg Burris for his nearly 10 years of service in the role of City Manager, overseeing the fast-paced, high-volume work of the community's most functionally-diverse organization.

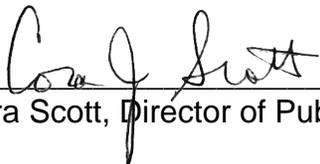
**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Greg has served the City of Springfield since September 15, 2008, when he was sworn in as Springfield's 12<sup>th</sup> City Manager.

During Greg's tenure the City has received recognition as one of the "Top 5 Best Cities to Start a Business," one of the "Top 30 Best Cities for Job Growth," and one of the "Top 40 For Business and Careers." Springfield has also experienced a resurgence in its downtown area, which is home to a creative arts scene comprised of a variety of visual artist, writers, musicians, dancers and filmmakers.

With community support, Greg successfully addressed a \$200 million shortfall in the Police-Fire Pension Fund. In addition, he has presented a balanced budget each year without borrowing from or dipping into the City's reserve funds. By overseeing efforts to address unfunded federal environmental mandates, through a first-of-its-kind plan for the environment, Springfield citizens saved more than \$400 million.

Greg Burris is a visionary leader, strategic thinker, and creative problem solver who has led the City through a financial turnaround. He has created close, productive and lasting relationships with all types of community stakeholders by appreciating and valuing the individual input each person has on making Springfield a vital city. His work ethic and ability to bring teams of people together to proactively and successfully address difficult issues are characteristics that both Greg and the City have become known for.

Submitted and recommended by:

  
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Cora Scott, Director of Public Information and Civic Engagement

Approved by:

  
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Ken McClure, Mayor