

WHEREAS, change is constant, and it affects all cities, towns, counties, townships, rural areas, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help to manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work, live, and play, and community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be involved meaningfully in making those choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning require public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of **October** is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to recognize publicly the participation and dedication of the members of Planning Commissions and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, tonight we recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim the month of **October 2023** as

COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

in the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month throughout the United States, and urge all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Name/Title: Diana L. Spielman, Mayor
Date: September 19, 2023