Office of the Mayor

Arkansas City, Kansas

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Community Foundation Week was created in 1989 by former President George H.W. Bush to recognize the important work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative and innovative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sector; and,

WHEREAS, for more than *27* years the *Legacy, a Regional Community Foundation* has made it possible for *Arkansas City* citizens, businesses, and organizations to create permanent philanthropic resources for the current and future needs of our communities from basic human needs to creating innovative solutions that transform our towns, cities, and counties; and,

WHEREAS, *Legacy, a Regional Community Foundation* provides the opportunity for individuals from all walks of life to be philanthropists with over 100 community foundations, affiliates, and area funds in Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, one of the greatest ways to ensure a strong community, economic vitality, educational success, and effective community leadership is through the active presence of a community foundation that allows for local community-based endowments; and,

WHEREAS, together we can build a stronger *Arkansas City* and Kansas, and improve the future by creating community legacies to benefit all of Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, *Legacy, a Regional Community Foundation* provides beneficial grants to our community, supports critical community causes and efforts, strengthens the nonprofits in our region, and makes our community stronger; and,

WHEREAS, it is critical to set aside a time to recognize the value and impact of *Legacy, a Regional Community Foundation* on a regional and local level for the investment, partnership, and leadership they create across many of Kansas's communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim **November 12-18, 2023**, as:

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WEEK

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

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Name/Title: Diana L. Spielman, Mayor
Date: November 7, 2023