
CITY OF BALLWIN, MISSOURI



PROCLAMATION

Honoring Ballwin Post 611 15U Baseball Champions

WHEREAS, the City of Ballwin proudly recognizes the accomplishments of Ballwin Post 611 and its 2026 15U baseball team for an extraordinary season that culminated in an American Legion Missouri State Championship; and

*WHEREAS, the Ballwin 15U team finished the 2026 season with a remarkable **45–12–1 overall record**, including an impressive **11-game winning streak** that carried the team to championships in **District 10, Zone 4, and ultimately the State of Missouri**; and*

*WHEREAS, the team's resolve was tested on June 17, 2026, when **Barrett Maple**, the team's shortstop, top hitter, and a dependable pitcher, suffered a broken ankle in a collision at first base; and*

*WHEREAS, rather than allowing adversity to derail their championship aspirations, the team responded with determination and embraced a **“next man up” mentality**, with players stepping into expanded roles and the entire roster raising its level of play; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout the postseason, Ballwin's pitching staff delivered clutch performances, the defense continued to improve, and the lineup produced timely hits, resulting in **three consecutive tournament victories** and an unforgettable run to the state championship; and*

WHEREAS, the City of Ballwin recognizes not only the accomplishments of these young athletes, but also the dedication of their coaches, families, teammates, and Ballwin American Legion Post 611 in supporting and developing the next generation through baseball, teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ballwin congratulates the entire 2026 Ballwin Post 611 15U team including Adam Lovewell, Barrett Maple, Ben Taylor, Chase Spencer, Cooper Kerber, Gabe Bierman, Gavin Krull, Graham Rozycki, Kaleb McMillan, Kelton Rayfield, Kosta Karagiannis, Nathan Skrenta-Pipkin, Michael Maender, Head Coach Karl McKay and Assistant Coaches Brent Buffa and Doug Taylor.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the **City of Ballwin** hereby recognizes and congratulates **Ballwin American Legion Post 611 and its 2026 15U Missouri State Champion baseball team** on their outstanding season and historic achievement.*

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Ballwin, Missouri this 14th day of August, 2026.

Mark R. Stallmann
Mayor

ATTEST:

Eric Stermann
City Administrator