



# NATIONAL CITIES, TOWNS, & VILLAGES MONTH PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, the National League of Cities was founded in 1924 in Lawrence, Kansas, as the American Municipal Association by state municipal leagues seeking more coordination and national representation as cities, towns, and villages expanded rapidly;

**WHEREAS**, the nonpartisan National League of Cities is the oldest and largest organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States, representing the interests of more than 19,000 cities, towns, and villages across the country;

**WHEREAS TODAY**, the National League of Cities works in partnership with 49 state municipal leagues across the country to strengthen local leadership, drive innovation, and influence the federal policies that impact local programs and operations;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hermiston is a proud member of the National League of Cities, and has benefited from the organization's research, technical expertise, federal advocacy and opportunities to learn from other local governments;

**WHEREAS**, local governments are the bedrock of American democracy, providing 336 million residents with the most accountable, responsive, inclusive, ethical, and transparent government in the world;

**WHEREAS**, from the nation's smallest villages to its largest cities, America's local governments have been essential in transforming the United States of America into the greatest, most influential nation in world history;

**WHEREAS**, Hermiston was first incorporated in 1907 and is proudly served today by Mayor Dr. Dave Drotzmann, Council President Doug Primmer, and Councilors Rod Hardin, Jackie Myers, Maria Duron, Jackie Linton, Nancy Peterson, Roy Barron, and David McCarthy and a municipal workforce of 115 dedicated public servants;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Dave Drotzmann, Mayor of Hermiston, Oregon do hereby proclaim May 2024 as National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month in celebration of America's local governments and the National League of Cities' historic centennial anniversary.

SIGNED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024

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Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor