



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **DR. MATT PEARCE DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Matt Pearce has concluded an extraordinary 30-year career in public education, saving his finest years to lead the Republic School District with uncommon wisdom, steady vision, and boundless energy; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Pearce recognized that great schools and a great city thrive together, fostering meaningful partnerships between the Republic School District and the City of Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as an unwavering teammate and leader to teachers and staff, empowering them to lead with excellence and passion, while remaining a fierce and faithful advocate for every student—from a kindergartner's first high-five to a senior's final walk across the graduation stage; and

**WHEREAS**, his legacy extends far beyond classrooms, measured also in healthier hearts and hopeful futures through his dedicated leadership with the American Heart Association and his steadfast commitment to Care To Learn, ensuring students have access to essential resources needed to succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Pearce has masterfully transitioned from the Mizzou gridiron to the Superintendent's office, proving that while his role has evolved since wearing number 62, his commitment to excellence remains constant; and having led our schools with visionary leadership and a steadfast heart, it is only fitting that June 2nd (6/2) serve to honor his professional legacy as he trades his administrative duties for a "paws-atively" well-deserved retirement and a new season of rest.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Eric Franklin, Mayor of the City of Republic, Missouri, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2026 as

#### **" DR. MATT PEARCE DAY"**

**IN THE CITY OF REPUBLIC**, and do further encourage all citizens to commemorate the day by participating in the following Pearce Protocol:

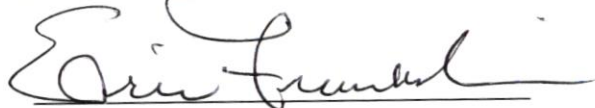
**THE TIGER LOOK** – Everyone is encouraged to wear Republic Orange and Black with pride, lighting up our city in true Tiger fashion.

**THE PEARCE PACE** – Citizens of all ages are challenged to engage in 30 minutes of movement—walking, running, or playing—in honor of Dr. Pearce's 30 years of service and his enduring commitment to heart health.

**THE PEARCE PROMISE** – In tribute to his dedication to Care To Learn, residents are encouraged to perform an act of kindness or service, helping ensure every student and neighbor has the opportunity to thrive.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Republic to be affixed this 2nd day of June, 2026, with Republic pride, deep gratitude for a remarkable career, and a final heartfelt "Go Tigers!"



  
Eric Franklin, Mayor