A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INCREASING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN REPUBLIC

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri ("City" or "Republic") is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified the need to improve connection and communication with the citizens; and

WHEREAS, working with the University of Missouri Extension ("MU Extension"), David Burton researched, conceptualized, and founded the "Engaged Neighbor" program in 2020, and since that time, has demonstrated immense success in connecting municipalities with their communities by creating engagement opportunities to establish and foster meaningful relationships as part of the program; and

WHEREAS, City staff believes that an Agreement with MU Extension would provide a mechanism through which the City can achieve greater success in engaging the community, which would ultimately improve the relationship between the City and its citizens by facilitating communication of ongoing projects, efforts, issues and other matters within or concerning the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it is in the best interest of the City to enter into an Agreement with MU Extension to work with Mr. Burton in efforts to increase citizen engagement in Republic, which aligns with the City's initiative of moving forward while turning inward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.	The City Administrator and/or his designee, on behalf of the City, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the University of Missouri Extension through David Burton for services to improve connection and communication with the citizens as part of the Engaged Neighbor program at MU Extension, in substantially the same form as that attached hereto as "Attachment 1".
Section 2.	The City Administrator, or his designee(s), on behalf of the City, is authorized to take other reasonable, necessary steps to implement this Resolution.
Section 3.	The whereas clauses are specifically incorporated herein by reference.
Section 4.	This Resolution shall take effect after passage as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this ______ day of ______, 2023.

Matt Russell, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Megan McCullough, City Attorney

Final Passage and Vote: