

**CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI
RESOLUTION NO: 25-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI,
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE 2025 OZARKS REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, the City of Willard is committed to the continued growth and development of our community and the broader Southwest Missouri region; and

WHEREAS, regional collaboration and unified advocacy are critical to ensuring that Southwest Missouri remains competitive in attracting jobs, investment, and talent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willard recognizes that strong regional partnerships and unified advocacy efforts are critical to advancing public policy that strengthens economic development, infrastructure, education, and quality of life in Southwest Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with partner organizations across the Ozarks, has developed the 2025 Ozarks Regional Legislative Priorities to support long-term prosperity and competitiveness in the region; and

WHEREAS, the priorities include strategic investments in workforce development, childcare access, K-12 and higher education funding, economic development incentives, housing availability, infrastructure, tourism, and the protection of local control and revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willard shares these priorities and recognizes their importance to our community's continued growth, sustainability, and ability to attract talent and investment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Willard hereby expresses its full support for the 2025 Ozarks Regional Legislative Priorities as presented by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and regional partners.

SECTION 2. The City Administrator and/or their designee, on behalf of the City, is authorized to sign other documents that may be required to demonstrate the support declared herein.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the offices of the City's state legislative delegation.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect after passage as provided by law.

Dated: This the **28th day of April 2025** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Willard, Missouri.

Mayor Troy Smith

Attested by Rebecca Hansen City Clerk