

CITY OF WAYNESVILLE



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Blue Star Families seeks to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors — individuals and organizations — to create vibrant communities of mutual support; and

WHEREAS, Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the second to last Saturday in September and concluding eight days thereafter as “Blue Star Welcome Week”; and

WHEREAS, during this week, we recognize the 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of these permanent change of station (PCS) moves occur during the summer; and

WHEREAS, only 33% of military family respondents to the 2022 Military Family Lifestyle Survey reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community; and

WHEREAS a sense of belonging is essential to the well-being and readiness of military families;

WHEREAS we commit to ensuring that military- and Veteran-connected families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities;

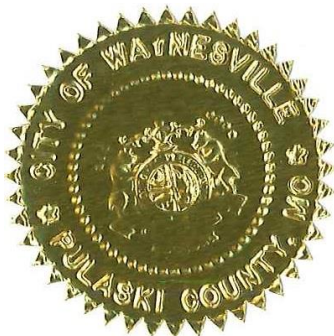
WHEREAS we express gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members, transitioning Veterans, and their families;

WHEREAS we encourage civilians nationwide to welcome military- and Veteran-connected families into their communities:

NOW THEREFORE, I, **Sean A. Wilson**, Mayor of the City of Waynesville, Missouri do hereby proclaim that the 23rd of September thru the 1st of October, 2023 shall be known as

BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK

In the City of Waynesville, Missouri The City Council and myself invites all citizens to acknowledge the dedication that Blue Star Families shows to our nation’s military as they honor these brave and dedicated men and women and to respect and admire the positive impact they have within our community.




Sean A. Wilson, Mayor