

**WHEREAS**, the Ozarks Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, which has a network of over 14,000 members in 100 chapters in the United States and around the world, and approximately 86 active members representing state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in the Springfield area; and

**WHEREAS,** AGA Ozarks Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Springfield by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting; and

**WHEREAS**, each CGFM holder is required to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Ken McClure, Mayor of the City of Springfield, Missouri, do hereby proclaim March 2024 to be

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and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the important contributions Certified Government Financial Managers make in advancing transparency in government.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the City of Springfield, Missouri, to be affixed this twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-four.



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Ken McClure, Mayor