

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, people with developmental disabilities are of all racial, ethnic, educational, social, and economic backgrounds, and

**WHEREAS**, society values all people with developmental disabilities who find fulfillment living everyday lives, and

**WHEREAS**, Lafayette Industries is a sheltered workshop that a group of caring parents founded in 1976 to provide employment opportunities for their grown children with developmental disabilities, and

**WHEREAS**, Lafayette Industries' mission is to provide employment opportunities to persons with developmental disabilities and to persons with other disabilities who are 18 years or older in order to enhance those persons' self-worth and dignity through employment, to provide high-quality business service through packaging, light assembly, and commercial mailings, to operate in a professional and fiscally responsible manner, and to provide fair wages and good benefits, and

**WHEREAS**, Lafayette Industries has grown from a one-room facility in Valley Park, Missouri, with 16 employees doing hand-assembly and packaging for area businesses into an organization operating at two locations in Manchester, Missouri, and Berkeley, Missouri, with a total of 411 employees including Town and Country residents, and

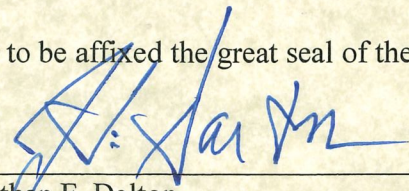
**WHEREAS**, providing meaningful employment opportunities to individuals with developmental disabilities and other disabilities continues to be vital to enabling those individuals to enjoy the rights of citizenship and to participate in communities throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

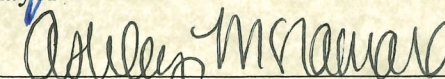
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN F. DALTON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY, MISSOURI, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL AND OTHER DISABILITIES, AND LAFAYETTE INDUSTRIES FOR PROVIDING MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS.**

Furthermore, I encourage all citizens to support individuals with developmental and other disabilities and support Lafayette Industries.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the great seal of the City of Town & Country this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



  
Jonathan F. Dalton  
Mayor

  
Attest: Ashley McNamara, City Clerk