



Proclamation

Honoring Henry L. Williams
For Distinguished Service to the City of Berkeley, Missouri

- Whereas,** Henry L. Williams began his distinguished career with the City of Berkeley on January 27, 1993, when he was hired as a Fireman in the Berkeley Fire Department; and,
- Whereas,** through demonstrated skill, leadership, and unwavering commitment to duty, he was promoted to Captain on September 25, 1994; promoted to Battalion Chief on September 27, 1999; and ultimately promoted to Fire Chief on August 22, 2008; and,
- Whereas,** as Fire Chief, he led with solidarity, operational excellence, and a steadfast focus on public safety, ensuring the protection and well-being of the residents of Berkeley, Missouri; and,
- Whereas,** his vision and determination were instrumental in the planning, development, and completion of the new Berkeley Fire House in 2011, located at 8401 Airport Road, Berkeley Missouri 63134, strengthening the City's emergency response capabilities and leaving a lasting legacy of progress and preparedness; and,
- Whereas,** while continuing to serve as Fire Chief, Henry L. Williams answered an additional call to leadership by serving as Co-Interim City Manager from September 15, 2008 through August 20, 2012, providing steady guidance, administrative oversight, and continuity of government during a pivotal period for the City during a transition, vacancy, and/or crisis; and,
- Whereas,** after more than two decades of faithful and exemplary service to the City of Berkeley, he retired on September 12, 2014, concluding an extraordinary tenure marked by courage, professionalism, and devotion to community; and,
- Whereas,** following his retirement, he continued his professional fire service by working at Boeing in St. Louis, Missouri, further demonstrating his strong work ethic and enduring commitment to contributing meaningfully to his community and region; and
- Whereas,** beyond his official roles, he was a devoted father whose deep love for his children was reflected in his strength, guidance, and unwavering support; and,
- Whereas,** his profound love for the residents of Berkeley was evident in every action he took, always placing the safety, dignity, and well-being of the community above all else.

Now, Therefore Be It Proclaimed, I, Rita Crawford-Graham, Mayor of the City of Berkeley on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby extend our sincere prayers and condolences upon the passing of Retired Fire Chief Henry Williams.



In witness whereof, I have, hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Berkeley to be affixed.

Attest

City Clerk

Mayor of the City of Berkeley, Missouri
This 2nd day of March, 2026