



**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
NEW ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM
THE DIGITAL EAGLES
AS THE NEW ALBANY FOUNDERS DAY
COMMUNITY CONNECTION AWARD HONOREE**

WHEREAS, Founders Day was first organized in 1976 as part of the nation’s Bicentennial celebration and in tribute to William Yantis and Noble Landon who founded New Albany in 1837; and

WHEREAS, the Founders Day Committee recognizes an Outstanding Community Organization which provides exceptional service to the residents of the New Albany area, by bestowing upon the organization the Community Connection Award; and

WHEREAS, New Albany High School Robotics team, The Digital Eagles, organize a team, raise funds, and recruit sponsors in order to build robots and compete annually in the For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Robotics Competition, also known as the FIRST Robotics Competition; and

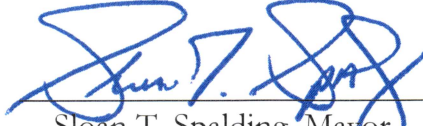
WHEREAS, The Digital Eagles have placed in regional competition and qualified for world championships in 2014 and 2019; and, in 2023, they won a regional event in Cleveland, qualifying for the 2023 FIRST World Championships in Houston, Texas, where 18,000 students from 59 countries came together for the event; and

WHEREAS, The Digital Eagles designed a haunted house as a fundraiser, have partnered with local businesses, and volunteer their technology skills; and

WHEREAS, The Digital Eagles are devoted to helping young people and communities discover, develop, and apply their passion for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of council and residents of New Albany wish to recognize **The Digital Eagles** as the **2023 Recipient of the New Albany Founders Day Community Connection Award**.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 2nd day of May, 2023.



Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor