

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NEW ALBANY BRIDGES AS THE NEW ALBANY FOUNDERS DAY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS 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 Connections Award; and

WHEREAS, New Albany Bridges is a volunteer run organization whose mission is to bridge the community with schools in providing basic needs, removing barriers, and seeking equity for students so they can engage and succeed in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, New Albany Bridges was launched in May of 2019 and has partnered with the New Albany-Plain Township Local School District and New Albany Food Pantry to directly impact more than 5,600 students and families in need; and

WHEREAS, One hundred percent (100%) of what is raised by New Albany Bridges stays in the New Albany 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 **New Albany Bridges** as the **2024 Recipient of the New Albany Founders Day Community Connection Award**.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 16 day of April, 2024.

