



**A PROCLAMATION HONORING RABBI AREYA KALTMANN  
FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO  
THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY AND BEYOND**

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Areya Kaltmann earned his degree in Rabbinics from Yeshiva Gedolah in Melbourne, Australia, completed his rabbinic training in Sydney, Australia, served as visiting rabbi in Adelaide, and gave a lecture series in Singapore and Manila; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Kaltmann received his rabbinical ordination from The United Lubavitcher Yeshiva in Brooklyn, New York, after which he spent time lecturing in the former Soviet Union, Poland, and the Czech Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1995, Rabbi Kaltmann has been the Executive Director of Chabad of Columbus which now includes the Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center in New Albany; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, Rabbi Kaltmann also became of Executive Director of LifeTown, a 5,000 square foot simulated village where students with special needs learn and practice critical life skills in a safe environment; and 2,500 students have gained tools needed to reach their full potential; and

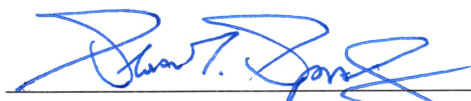
**WHEREAS**, in 2018, under Rabbi Kaltmann's leadership, and in partnership with Columbus City Schools, LifeTown launched the "Stop To Live" program which educates special needs students from 16+ school districts on the dangers of substance abuse, helping them to identify trusted adults and avoid temptation and possible exploitation; and

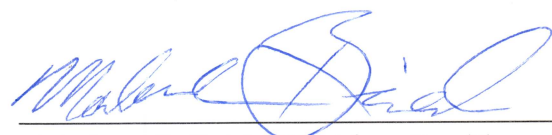
**WHEREAS**, in 2022, LifeTown added the "Kitchen of Life" program where, over 5,300 teenagers expand their knowledge by creating meals, learning about health and nutrition, practicing decision-making, and building resiliency tools; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 32 years Rabbi Kaltmann has performed countless weddings, funerals, brises, and baby namings, and other important rites, and poured his heart and soul into serving our community as a spiritual mentor, teacher, and rabbi.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, and Marlene B. Brisk, Council President Pro Tem, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of the council and residents of New Albany, wish to honor Rabbi Areya Kaltmann and express our gratitude for his dedication, leadership, caring, and service.

**WHEREBY**, we set our hands on this 16th day of May, 2023.

  
Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor

  
Marlene B. Brisk, President Pro Tem