



**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
THE READ TO SUCCEED FOUNDATION FOR
EMPOWERING UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN
THROUGH READING**

WHEREAS, the Read to Succeed Foundation was established in 2013 by Emily Spector, a 2020 graduate of New Albany High School, and has grown with additional leadership from Abby Worly, Lauren Eckes, Eve Zaczepinski, Emmett Zaczepinski, Juliet Zaczepinski, Arnav Nawani, and Mirebella Tempesta; and

WHEREAS, the Read to Succeed Foundation strives to enable children to escape the cycle of poverty by providing them with books and allowing them to build confidence in their reading skills and succeed in school; and

WHEREAS, the Read to Succeed Foundation creates miniature libraries at food pantries, non-profits, schools, and programs serving underprivileged youth with collected donations of new and gently used books with a variety of subjects and reading levels; and

WHEREAS, the Read to Succeed Foundation has served 120 unique charitable organizations and delivered over 116,000 books to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Read to Succeed Foundation have reached children in countries around the world, including Israel and Liberia.

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 Read to Succeed Foundation** for their hard work in empowering underprivileged children – both locally and abroad – through reading.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 4th day of January, 2022.


Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor