

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 1 to OCTOBER 7, 2023 AS STORMWATER AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, urban stormwater runoff impacts water quality in the City of New Albany; and

WHEREAS, population growth, residential and commercial development, and the resulting changes to the landscape will only increase stormwater quality and quantity concerns throughout Ohio, and

WHEREAS, these impacts cannot be entirely avoided or eliminated, but can be minimized; and

WHEREAS, it is currently recognized that control of stormwater quantity and quality is most effectively implemented when people and organizations understand the related causes and consequences of polluted stormwater runoff and flooding, and the actions they can take to control these; and

WHEREAS, the need arises not only from the regulatory requirements of EPA General Construction and Municipal Stormwater rules, but also from the recognition that citizens and local decision makers will benefit from a greater awareness of how the cumulative impact of decisions at home, at work, and local policies affect our water quality, stream corridors, and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of effective, outcomes-based stormwater education and outreach programs will meet the related federal stormwater pollution control requirements and those of the communities they serve, so that New Albany, Franklin County, and Ohio continue to be great places to live, work, and play.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, join the Franklin Soil & Water Conservation Districts and communities across Ohio in proclaiming October 1-7 as **STORMWATER AWARENESS WEEK**.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 19th day of September, 2023.

