

A RESOLUTION

establishing an official city flag design for Columbia, Missouri.

WHEREAS, in 1988, an unofficial City of Columbia flag was designed and created by former city manager Raymond A. Beck and seamstress Alberta Smith in order to conduct a flag exchange with Columbia's sister city in Matto, Japan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia conducted an official city flag design contest through the Office of Cultural Affairs in the fall of 2014 and received eighty-four (84) entries; and

WHEREAS, an online public vote was held and the field was narrowed to twenty (20) designs; and

WHEREAS, through selections made by the Commission on Cultural Affairs and the City Council, the top three (3) flag designs were submitted for a second round of public voting conducted online and at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the flag design submitted by Jon Sheltmire received the most votes; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2016, the Commission on Cultural Affairs voted to recommend approval of the flag design submitted by Jon Sheltmire with the addition of a white border around the City of Columbia logo to the City Council for adoption as the official flag of the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The flag design attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is hereby designated as the official city flag for Columbia, Missouri.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby identifies the following elements as components to the City's official flag design:

- The City of Columbia logo surrounded by a white border is prominent in the center of the flag design to signify Columbia as the crossroads of Missouri; and
- Blue squares represent the many distinctive rivers, creeks and lakes surrounding Columbia; and

- Green squares represent Columbia’s extensive woodlands, trails, parks and nature areas.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor