

*Office of Mayor Tony Kennedy*

*and the*

*Aurora City Council*

## City of Aurora, Missouri

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,** Springfield’s two Ronald McDonald House Programs have provided a “home-away-from-home” and an invaluable source of hope and comfort for families of seriously ill and injured children who must travel far from home for medical treatment; and

**WHEREAS,** the two Ronald McDonald Houses, located in Springfield, Missouri, allow their guests to maintain close contact with their seriously ill children by providing a secure and supportive environment at no required cost; and

**WHEREAS,** the Ronald McDonald House near Cox South and the House at Mercy Kids has served the needs of 731 Lawrence County families, 254 of which are residents of Aurora, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS,** on Thursday, January 29, 2026, 70 McDonald’s Restaurants and various other locations, will begin showing their support by asking customers to “Share their Heart” by “adopting” a \$1, \$5, and \$20 to Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Ozarks through the Share a Heart Campaign; and

**WHEREAS,** the following generous contributors have provided sponsorship funding and underwritten the costs for the Share a Heart Campaign: McDonald’s of the Ozarks, KY3 Television, Great Southern Bank, Edward Jones; Mid-Am Metal Forming, and ColorGraphic Printing; and

**WHEREAS,** McDonald’s of Aurora is a participant in the Share a Heart Campaign, which will continue through February 28, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Tony Kennedy, Mayor of the City of Aurora, Missouri, hereby proclaim February 9<sup>th</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as “Ronald McDonald House Week”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of The City of Aurora and this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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Tony Kennedy, Mayor

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Jason Lewis, Chairman Pro Tem

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Dawn Oplinger, Councilwoman

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Theresa Pettit, Councilwoman

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Josh Blades, Councilman

ATTEST:  
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Kamy Kulow, City Clerk