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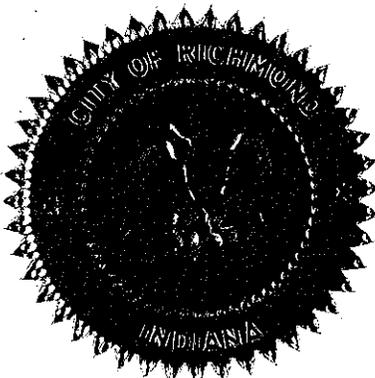
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SALLY L. HUTTON
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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the Richmond Catholic Community of St. Andrews, St. Mary and Holy Family joined together to strengthen the faith-based education system and created Seton Catholic Schools, named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; and
- WHEREAS,** Seton Catholic Schools mission comprise working to guide students towards spiritual, academic and personal excellence through worship, academics, community and service, while sharing the gospel of Jesus; and
- WHEREAS,** the history of National Catholic Schools Week began in 1974 in joint effort of the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; and
- WHEREAS,** Catholic schools give a high level of service to local communities because of the many service projects the students undertake. Giving back to the community and helping others are values instilled in every Catholic school student; and
- WHEREAS,** Catholic schools traditionally have high academic standards, high graduation rates, strong moral values, which mean, their graduates make positive contributions to American society; and
- WHEREAS,** Catholic Schools Week 2013 theme is, "Catholic Schools: **Raise the Standards,**" supports the recent launch of National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, ensures the effective operation and responsible governance of Catholic Schools across the country, thus promoting high academic standards and Catholic identity. The logo designed for the week illustrates a chart of steady growth culminating in the highest achievement of all, a cross representing the faith that underscores all Catholic education; and
- THEREFORE,** I, Sally Hutton, Mayor of the City of Richmond, do hereby proclaim the week of January 26, through February 1, 2013 as: **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

in the City of Richmond, and encourage all citizens to recognize the contributions Catholic schools give - a high level of service to the nation by participation of these students, allowing them to succeed in life, serving in government, industry, business, non-profit and educational fields.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Richmond, Indiana, to be affixed this Twenty-Sixth Day of January, Two thousand and Thirteen.


Sally L. Hutton
Mayor, City of Richmond