WHEREAS, National Coming Out Day, begun in 1988, is an annual internationally observed celebration of those lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) people who have had the courage to be proud of who they are and to fight for equal rights; and

WHEREAS, Des Moines is committed to being inclusive and championing and enjoying the vibrancy of its diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Equality for all residents of Des Moines Metro, including those who are LGBTQ+, is intrinsic to the values we cherish most; and

WHEREAS, The City of Des Moines encourages all residents to be their full selves and embrace everything that they are; and

WHEREAS, The City of Des Moines joins the international community in celebrating National Coming Out Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 11, 2020, AS:

"NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY"

AND CALL UPON THE RESIDENTS OF DES MOINES TO RECOGNIZE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SPECIAL OBSERVANCE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA TO BE AFFIXED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.

T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR
CITY OF DES MOINES