WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Cancer Statistics Working Group, in 2017, 12,831 new cervical cancer cases were diagnosed and 4,207 lives were lost from cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Health (NIH) reports that the 5-year survival rate of women diagnosed with cervical cancer is close to 66%, due to improved treatment, early diagnosis, and vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer incidence rates and death rates are still high among certain populations in the U.S., according to NIH, largely due to limited access to cervical cancer screening and vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, the results from a simple Pap smear test and HPV co-test can be used to help prevent cervical cancer or detect cervical cancer in its earliest and most curable stages.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF DES MOINES, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2021, AS:

"CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

AND URGE ALL RESIDENTS OF DES MOINES TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR TESTING TO PREVENT CERVICAL CANCER.

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

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