PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Des Moines strives to maintain a healthy, natural environment for its residents and guests; and

WHEREAS, Urban trees help the city of Des Moines achieve the Guide DSM goals of sustainable community, livable community, and upgraded urban infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Trees help the city of Des Moines achieve and maintain its STAR Community status by providing climate adaptation, greenhouse gas mitigation, green infrastructure, outdoor air and water quality, and enhanced business retention and development; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Des Moines are embracing the opportunity to increase the urban canopy through the "Growing Futures Planting Partnership"; and

WHEREAS, The city of Des Moines has been recognized as a Tree City USA for 29 years by the National Arbor Day Foundation and recently as a Tree City of the World; and

WHEREAS, The City of Des Moines fully supported and adopted its first-ever Urban Forest Master Plan in December 2020; and

WHEREAS, Des Moines desires to continue our reforestation and management programs toward ensuring the future of our urban forest trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE RESIDENTS OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021 AS:

"ARBOR DAY"

AND URGE THE RESIDENTS OF DES MOINES TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY AND TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PLANT, MAINTAIN, AND COMMEMORATE OUR URBAN TREES AND WOODLANDS.

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

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