PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The winter poses extreme hardship for unsheltered and inadequately housed low-income adults and children in Des Moines. The spirit of the holiday season of giving provides an opportunity for affirmation and renewal regarding our commitment to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, December 21st has been designated "National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day" by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council; and

WHEREAS, JOPPA organizes the Iowa Homeless Memorial each year to remember those who have died homeless, to honor them as human beings and fellow residents, and to prevent future homeless deaths by recommitting ourselves to provide fundamental solutions to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, During this season of generosity and sharing, residents of Des Moines are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all, especially those who are poor and homeless; and

WHEREAS, In remembering those who have died on the streets, the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent, as is the City's commitment to preventing such deaths in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE RESIDENTS OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM DECEMBER 21, 2021, AS:

"NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY"

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED HOMELESS IN AND AROUND DES MOINES, WE HEREBY ASK ALL RESIDENTS TO TAKE A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE AND ENCOURAGE OUR RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT ALL LOCAL EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

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

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