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

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

WHEREAS, Trees support the City's goals outlined in the Urban Forestry Master Plan by providing climate adaptation, greenhouse gas mitigation, green infrastructure, improved 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 has been recognized as a "Tree City USA" city for 30 years by The National Arbor Day Foundation and recently as a "Tree City World" city; and

WHEREAS, 2022 is the 150th Celebration of Arbor Day and the City 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 29, 2022 AS:

"ARBOR DAY"

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

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

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