PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 Des Moines residents are at risk for kidney disease and 1 in 7 residents have kidney disease with only 10% being aware of it; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that attention be brought to this often overlooked, but increasingly common disease with major risk factors including diabetes, high blood pressure, a family history of kidney failure, and being over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, early detection and treatment of kidney disease could result in fewer Des Moines residents requiring dialysis treatments or transplantation; and

WHEREAS, The National Kidney Foundation serving Iowa represents Des Moines patients, transplant recipients, people affected by kidney disease and their family members; and

WHEREAS, the month of March is National Kidney Month and March 1, 2022, is World Kidney Day.

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 THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2022, AS:

“KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH”

AND I CALL UPON THE RESIDENTS OF DES MOINES TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR KIDNEYS AND GET TESTED IF THEY ARE AT RISK.

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

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