PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 26, 2022 is the bicentennial year of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) author, journalist, public official, urban planner, and founder of American landscape architecture; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Law Olmsted and his successor firms designed thousands of landscape projects across the country leaving a physical and philosophical legacy that values universal access to parks, the health and environmental benefits of open space, and resilient designs that the nation continues to enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, his democratic vision of public parks and their capacity to bring communities together is more important now than ever; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Founders Garden Club, a 501(c)3 entity, is celebrating Frederick Law Olmsted by organizing a week's worth of events in Des Moines including lectures, film, theatrical performance, and exhibits that are free and open to the public - all focused on his legacy that includes our own successful Des Moines Parks and Recreation system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines joins the nation and the Des Moines Founders Garden Club in celebrating this 200th anniversary.

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 WEEK OF MARCH 26 - APRIL 1, 2022, AS:

“OLMSTED 200 WEEK”

AND I URGE EVERYONE TO CELEBRATE THE SUCCESSFUL DES MOINES PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM, AS WELL AS THE ENDURING LEGACY OF FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED BY BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE BEAUTY AND NECESSITY OF OUR OWN PUBLIC GREEN SPACES AND THE BENEFITS THEY PROVIDE.

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

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