

City of Des Moines



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THE WINTER POSES EXTREME HARDSHIP FOR UNSHELTERED AND INADEQUATELY HOUSED LOW-INCOME MEN, WOMEN 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 SERVES HOMELESS RESIDENTS LIVING IN TENTS, UNDER BRIDGES AND IN VEHICLES, AND ON THE STREETS, AND ORGANIZES THE IOWA HOMELESS MEMORIAL EACH YEAR TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED HOMELESS IN IOWA AND TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT FUTURE HOMELESS DEATHS; AND

WHEREAS, IN THIS SEASON OF GENEROSITY AND SHARING, CITIZENS 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 AND COUNTY'S COLLECTIVE 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 CITIZENS OF DES MOINES DO HEREBY PROCLAIM DECEMBER 21, 2018, AS:

NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA TO BE AFFIXED THIS SEVENTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.

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