

PROCLAMATION

BY MAYOR JOEL GREER

WHEREAS, the Veterans Memorial Coliseum was originally built as a memorial to Marshalltown residents who had fought in and/or lost their lives in the Civil War, Spanish War, and the Great War (World War I); and

WHEREAS, the building was officially dedicated on March 15, 1929; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the building was rededicated to all Marshalltown Veterans who have served; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study showed the Veterans Memorial Coliseum could be better utilized for indoor recreation and as a community gathering place, which was the guiding plan necessary for a significant building renovation following the July 2018 tornado; and

WHEREAS, a Fundraising Committee including Co-Chairs Vic Hellberg and Steve Storjohann, as well as members Kelli Thurston, Deb Mettlin, Al Hoop, and Mike Gowdy, successfully raised more than \$1.35 million towards the renovation; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the support of hundreds of generous donors, more than 90 years later the building continues to serve as an enduring memorial for the patriotic sacrifices the residents in other wars and conflicts that have occurred since its inception;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Joel Greer of the City Marshalltown, Iowa, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2021, as the

“Rededication of the Veteran’s Memorial Coliseum”

Today we honor the men and women who have served and are serving our nation. We celebrate the strength, courage, and dedication of our veterans. We thank you for protecting the freedom of this great nation. May this building serve as a sentiment of our appreciation for your ultimate sacrifice. We salute you.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my seal to be affixed on this 15th day of March 2021.



Joel Greer, Mayor
City of Marshalltown