PROCLAMATION

IN APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE DE PERE AREA MEN'S CLUB FOR CONTINUED SERVICE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County (ADRC) provides a homebound meal program to serve hot, nutritious meals to older adults throughout Brown County; and

WHEREAS, as part of its mission, the De Pere Area Men's Club provides volunteer service to the ADRC by delivering meals, which has increased to an average of 58 meals per day, 5 days a week, to area single family residences, various apartments and condominiums; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented adverse health, planning and logistical conditions for this program causing it to consolidate meal distribution from the De Pere Community Center to downtown Green Bay, and

WHEREAS, regardless of this multitude of adversities, a core group of members of the De Pere Area Men's Club still nobly continued their volunteer service to our residents during uncertain times by continuing to provide meals to those in need by masking, wearing gloves and carrying sani-wipes and hand sanitizer; and

WHEREAS, due to the change in distribution from De Pere to Green Bay, the typical daily route for these volunteers has increased from 30-45 minutes to 2-2 ½ hours, adding over 100 miles per day to their routes, and 45 hours of volunteer time per week; and

WHEREAS, the De Pere Area Men's Club has provided commendable, tireless and dedicated service to our community during a time of complex, continuous changes by delivering meals to individuals, who may not be able to remain in their home, but for this essential service; and

WHEREAS, our City is truly grateful for each of these individuals who has volunteered to serve the older adults in our community as part of the effort and initiative of the De Pere Area Men's Club. As our community and country endure the difficult, challenging realties of this pandemic, the efforts of these individuals were noble and selfless, and have not gone unnoticed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Boyd, Mayor of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin, on behalf of the De Pere Common Council and all De Pere citizens, do hereby offer our highest gratitude to the De Pere Area Men's Club members that have continued to support our community with its volunteer service hours and other fundraising efforts, including the Annual Dinner, that greatly enrich the City of De Pere and our neighboring communities and organizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin, this day of March, 2021.

CITY OF DE PERE, WISCONSIN

Ju- J. Boyl James S. Boyd, Mayor