Municipal Commendation

"DE PERE LEGION BASEBALL – CLASS AAA STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS"

WHEREAS, the American Legion Baseball Tournament began in 1928 in Wisconsin and has been held every year, with the exception of 2020 which was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, De Pere Legion Baseball has qualified for the State Tournament 19 times and placed in the top 4 in 14 of those 19 years; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marked the 93rd annual tournament, resulting in De Pere Legion Baseball's fifth state title, which it also won in 1999, 2003, 2004 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, among 8 teams that qualified for the Class AAA state tournament, De Pere Legion Baseball won the state championship game in Plover, Wisconsin with a 1-0 victory over La Crosse, to advance to the regional tournament; and

WHEREAS, in the Central Plains National Regional held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the De Pere Legion Baseball team finished 3rd out of 8 teams and was one of the remaining 19 teams still playing nationally among 3,000 registered teams; and

WHEREAS, the roster for the 2021 De Pere Legion Baseball team consists of 18 players – 9 from De Pere High School and 9 from West De Pere High School; and

WHEREAS, De Pere Legion Baseball completed its season with a 22-9 overall record; a 3-0 record at the state regional, 5-1 at the state tournament and 3-2 at the Central Plains Regional.

WHEREAS, the dedication, teamwork and effort of the team members and coaches constitutes significant and laudable accomplishments, meriting public recognition and accolade; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to publicly congratulate the 2021 De Pere Legion Baseball Team.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin, I, James G. Boyd, do hereby commend and congratulate Coach Lukes and the members of the 2021 De Pere Legion Baseball Team for their individual and team efforts in their successful season and for winning the American Legion Baseball Class AAA State Championship; and on behalf of the City's governing body and all of its citizens, do hereby bestow this special Municipal Commendation upon the De Pere Legion Baseball Team as witnessed and acknowledged by the De Pere City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin, this <u>17th</u> day of August, 2021.

CITY OF DE PERE, WISCONSIN

Boyd, Mayor