

Office of the Mayor

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CITY OF MANITOWOC

# Commendation

WHEREAS, the Manitowoc County Chapter of Barbershoppers, also known as the Clipper City Chordsmen and affiliated with the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA) – known now as The Barbershop Harmony Society – was officially chartered April 1, 1945 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, what began as a small group has steadily blossomed into Manitowoc County's largest all-male singing organization, an international organization of men from all stations of life; and

WHEREAS, the Manitowoc County Chapter of Barbershoppers is dedicated to the spread of harmony for the enjoyment of all people of the world through organizing and encouraging close-harmony signing groups; and

WHEREAS, the Manitowoc County Chapter of Barbershoppers encourages harmony amongst all people of the world through the universal language of music; and

WHEREAS, the Manitowoc County Chapter of Barbershoppers is dedicated to sustaining and preserving an American tradition, the barbershop quartet; and

WHEREAS, the Manitowoc County Chapter of Barbershoppers promotes musical education through music scholarships, workshops and other means, and supports charitable foundations; and

WHEREAS, the Manitowoc County Chapter of Barbershoppers are engaged in laudable civic service and enrichment of our cultural life through the fostering of traditional values in entertainment and community endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, on behalf of all the citizens of Manitowoc, do hereby commend, congratulate and wish for continued success to all members of the

*Manitowoc County Chapter of Barbershoppers / Clipper City Chordsmen*

on their

*Seventieth Anniversary!*

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this **20<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two Thousand and Fifteen.**

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Justin M. Nickels, Mayor