

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MANITOWOC

Proclamation

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin was chartered on June 26, 1851, to provide for the spiritual and social welfare of the people of the Village of Manitowoc Rapids; growing with the community, the congregation moved to the Village of Manitowoc in 1852; and

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church provided community stability which supported the growth of the Village into the City of Manitowoc, and on June 21, 1870, the cornerstone was laid for the congregation's current building housing the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, and classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the building of First Presbyterian Church has served as a community gathering place throughout its 150 years of service. Hosting funerals, weddings, prayer vigils, plays, concerts, rallies, educational forums, support groups, and more, the building has helped shape our community; and

WHEREAS, from its pulpit rang forth God's call to engage in and partner with our community, helping gave birth to Peter's Pantry, InCourage, The Crossing, The Haven, Hope House, Grow It Forward, and Lighthouse Recovery Community Center, as we've served God and our neighbor as the Heart of the Lakeshore; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of peace rising from this building have soothed the pain of eight national wars, prayers of justice have transformed our community, prayers of grace have made our community more compassionate; and

WHEREAS, through the facilities of First Presbyterian Church over 50,000 meals have been served to our community, the homeless have slept, the hopeless given hope; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc hereby proclaim on behalf of First Presbyterian Church June 21, 2020, as the

150 Year Building Anniversary

in the City of Manitowoc, and encourage the community to observe this day in honor of First Presbyterian Church.

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 15th day of June, Twenty Twenty.

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor