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WHEREAS, the vitality of Manitowoc, Wisconsin depends on how safe we keep our homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and community; and

WHEREAS, crime and the fear of crime destroy our trust in others and in civic institutions, threatening the community's health, prosperity, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages must be aware of what they can do to prevent themselves, and their families, neighbors, and co-workers from being harmed by crime; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages must be made aware of the dangers of technology crime and how they can protect themselves from becoming victims; and

WHEREAS, the personal injury, financial loss, and community deterioration resulting from crime are intolerable and require investment from the whole community; and

WHEREAS, crime prevention initiatives must include self-protection and security, but they must go beyond these to promote collaborative efforts to make neighborhoods safer for all ages and to develop positive opportunities for young people; and

WHEREAS, adults must invest time, resources, and policy support in effective prevention and intervention strategies for youth, and teens must be engaged in driving crime from the City of Manitowoc; and

WHEREAS, effective crime prevention programs excel because of partnerships among law enforcement, other government agencies, civic groups, schools, faith communities, businesses, and individuals as they help nurture communal responsibility and instill pride.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as

Crime Prevention Month

in the City of Manitowoc and urge all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, and businesses to invest in the power of prevention and work together to make Manitowoc a safer, stronger, more caring community.

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 21st day of September, Twenty Twenty.