

PROCLAMATION

ALEXANDER CLARK DAY

WHEREAS, Alexander G. Clark's birthday was established as Alexander Clark Day "in perpetuity" by unanimous vote of the City Council in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine then pledged that, after long obscurity and 60 years of on-and-off observance, our renowned resident "should be honored and remembered by his hometown perpetually"; and

WHEREAS, the year 2021 is the 130th anniversary of Clark's death while he was serving in Liberia as Minister Resident and Consul General of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Muscatine Community School District recently dedicated the renamed Susan Clark Junior High School in recognition of the Clark family's role in winning equal rights for all public-school students; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Alexander Clark Lecture at Muscatine Community College, titled "Josiah Bushnell Grinnell and the Underground Railroad," will be delivered by historian and author David Connon on February 25, Clark's 195th birthday;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diana L. Broderson, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim Thursday, February 25, 2021, to be observed as Alexander Clark Day.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 18th day of February, 2021.

Diana Broderson, Mayor