

Proclamation

WHEREAS: *The City of Minneapolis had its first confirmed case of COVID-19 on March 11, 2020 and since then there have been 34,095 total cases of COVID-19 in Minneapolis; and*

WHEREAS: *The City of Minneapolis had its first death attributable to COVID-19 on March 27, 2020 and since then there have been 400 total deaths in Minneapolis; and*

WHEREAS: *Black (including East African), American Indian, and Latinx community members in Minneapolis have suffered disproportionately from the coronavirus pandemic; accounting for over fifty percent of all infections, compared to less than forty percent of the City's population; and*

WHEREAS: *The City of Minneapolis acknowledges past trauma and empathizes with those who have historically or personally experienced discriminatory treatment; and*

WHEREAS: *The City wants to build relationships that help to heal the trauma of past experiences; listen to community; and work with community to build trust and equitable health outcomes; and*

WHEREAS: *In addition to our partnership with Hennepin Healthcare we have established relationships with community based, culturally specific organizations, like Black Nurses Rock, Migizi Communications, Insight, Southeast Asian Diaspora, Unidos MN, and Somali Community Resettlement Services for purposes of hosting testing and vaccination events and for purposes of providing education on COVID and vaccine to our communities of color; and*

WHEREAS: *The Minneapolis Health Department (MHD) has hosted 119 vaccine clinics providing 12,000+ doses of vaccine; and*

WHEREAS: *MHD has hosted 60 testing clinics providing 4,634 COVID tests; and*

WHEREAS: *Through the focus, dedication, and hard work of MHD and its partners, the rate of positive cases is at its lowest since February 1, 2021 and deaths are at its lowest since January 14, 2021; and*

WHEREAS: *Minneapolis and the surrounding metro area was once considered by the White House as a hot spot and now has one of the lowest case rates in the Country; and*

WHEREAS: *MHD will coordinate with area providers to ensure that at least one COVID-19 vaccination site operates in those residential zip codes that house the highest number of people of color; and*

WHEREAS: *The opening of new vaccination sites be first prioritized for neighborhoods that have the highest numbers of people of color AND highest rates of COVID infection/hospitalization/death; and*

WHEREAS: *MHD continues to offer polymerase chain reaction (PCR) diagnostic testing to all Minneapolis residents, regardless of immigration status, at no cost; and*

WHEREAS: *MHD offers public testing and vaccination clinics with appointments during early morning, evening, and weekend hours in order to accommodate workers with non-traditional schedules;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I JACOB FREY, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2021 as:

THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS



Mayor of Minneapolis

