

PROCLAMATION

ALEXANDER CLARK DAY

WHEREAS, Alexander G. Clark (1826-1891) became a leader for racial justice and human equality while a young man in Muscatine and persisted in that cause until his death while serving in Liberia as United States ambassador; and

WHEREAS, Clark's achievements are rightly praised upon the 150th anniversary of the 1868 landmark ruling by the Iowa Supreme Court which became a national precedent for securing the rights of all children, equally, to public-school education; and

WHEREAS, Clark performed a singular and central role in winning the vote by Iowans that same year which removed racial preference from our State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the people of Muscatine take pride in preserving the Clark legacy as a celebration of Iowa's equal-rights pioneers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine has affirmed that our renowned resident "should be honored and remembered by his hometown perpetually"; and

WHEREAS, Clark's birthday-February 25, 1826-was established as Alexander Clark Day "in perpetuity" by unanimous vote of the City Council on January 18, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diana L. Broderson, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim Monday, February 25, 2019, to be observed as Alexander Clark Day.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

