

# PROCLAMATION

## ALEXANDER CLARK DAY

**WHEREAS**, the people of Muscatine take pride in preserving the legacy of Alexander G. Clark (1826-1891) as a celebration of equal-rights pioneers; and

**WHEREAS**, Clark led the movement that won an historic victory when the citizens of Iowa in 1868 ratified an amendment of the State Constitution to remove every instance of the word "white" as a limitation of rights; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of Clark's daughter Susan, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled, also in 1868, that all children must be accorded equal rights to public school education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Susan Clark court victory continues to gain recognition as a landmark achievement of national significance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Muscatine Community School District has affirmed the equality legacy by naming the Susan Clark Junior High School to take effect in Fall 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the story of the Clark case will be retold in the 2020 Alexander Clark Lecture at Muscatine Community College delivered by Dr. Russell Lovell, emeritus professor of Drake University College of Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexander G. Clark's birthday was established as Alexander Clark Day "in perpetuity" by unanimous vote of the City Council in 2018 after 60 years of on-and-off observance;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Diana L. Broderson, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, February 25, 2020, to be observed as Alexander Clark Day.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto subscribed my name to be affixed this 20th day of February, 2020.

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Diana L. Broderson, Mayor

