



# NEWS RELEASE

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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dear Friends,

I want to extend my best wishes to you and your families during this Thanksgiving weekend. Thanksgiving is a cherished American holiday which reminds us of the values and ideas that form the foundation of our great nation. On this special day, we embrace our differences, celebrate our diverse heritage, and come together in gratitude for our blessings of freedom, family, and faith. There is so much to be thankful for as we spend time with our friends and family.

May this amazing day serve as an opportunity to reflect upon our blessings. Thanksgiving is a day to celebrate and be thankful for the men and women who keep our community, state, and nation safe. I would also like to give thanks to everyone that works in healthcare who keep us safe and in education who teach the future leaders of tomorrow. I am very thankful for our city employees and partners for their outstanding work throughout our community in fulfilling our shared vision of creating a vibrant, safe, and sustainable community.

I remember during Thanksgiving standing around a circle holding hands and everyone sharing what they were thankful for. My father always reminded us of the importance of family, helping one another, and being there for each other. Muscatine is fortunate in that we are also there for one another. Our residents, staff, businesses are one big family.

Be thankful for the good times and difficult times, as each situation will allow you to grow. Be generous with gratitude, for it is contagious. Also, be thankful that there is only one Muscatine in the world...WE ARE MUSCATINE!!!

On this Thanksgiving Day, I am thankful for our community. Take a moment to look your family members and friends in the eye and tell them how thankful you are. May your blessings be multiplied this year and into the next.

Be the light and Be Your Best!!!

Dr. Brad Bark

Mayor of The City of Muscatine

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