



**WHEREAS**, 2022 marked the Bank of Sun Prairie's 125 years in business, opening its first branch at 233 E Main Street in 1897; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, the Bank of Sun Prairie has been a partner and driver of many initiatives by providing financial support for numerous projects, community organizations and events through in-kind donations and sponsorships; and

**WHEREAS**, following the explosion, the Bank of Sun Prairie immediately responded to organize fundraising efforts and co-led the Sun Prairie Disaster Relief Fund Committee to distribute over \$614,266 to those most impacted; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City launched the Sun Prairie Emergency Small Business Loan Relief Fund program in 2020, and the Bank of Sun Prairie was one of several entities that provided funds to the program; and

**WHEREAS**, Bank of Sun Prairie employees volunteer their time to serve with several non-profit and civic organizations and Boards and Commissions of the city including: Housing Committee, Community Development Authority, BID Board, and the Historical Library and Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 the Bank of Sun Prairie was awarded the Wisconsin Bankers Foundation Excellence in Financial Education Award for their commitment to providing resources to increase financial literacy in our schools and with their Financial Fitness Center providing courses in both English and Spanish; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sun Prairie is grateful for the Bank of Sun Prairie's commitment to serving the Sun Prairie and greater Sun Prairie community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved, I, Paul T Esser, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, hereby thank Bank of Sun Prairie for their many years of leadership and service and encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating the Bank of Sun Prairie on 125 years of service.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sun Prairie to be affixed on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

Paul Esser, Mayor