WHEREAS, for much of 2020, Asheville, NC faced challenges and unknown risks due to COVID-19 and the resulting pandemic; and

WHEREAS, many of the City of Asheville's employees were identified as frontline and onsite workers, required to work in City buildings and directly in the community; and

WHEREAS, these frontline and onsite workers were asked to continue working on site and in the field in order to provide ongoing service to our community; and

WHEREAS, these employees accepted the increased risks from their jobs and showed up daily to provide critical services to our community; and

WHEREAS, these employees demonstrated their commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville recognizes the significant work and sacrifices of our frontline and onsite employees and are especially grateful for their service to the residents of Asheville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ESTHER E. MANHEIMER, Mayor of the City of Asheville do hereby proclaim January 12, 2021 as

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in Asheville and call upon residents of Asheville to recognize the work of our frontline and onsite City of Asheville employees who have continued to serve the City throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Asheville, North Carolina, to be affixed this 12th day of January 2021.

ESTHER E. MANHEIMER MAYOR