

## Office of the Mayor

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## PROCLAMATION WAUKESHA PARADE MEMORIAL SPONSOR WE ENERGIES FOUNDATION

**WHEREAS**, On November 21, 2021, during the annual Waukesha Christmas Parade, tragedy struck when a vehicle drove through the parade route, resulting in the loss of six lives, causing physical injuries to nearly seventy individuals, and leaving countless others with mental and emotional injuries from what they witnessed; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Waukesha, in response to the tragedy, rallied together in an unprecedented show of solidarity, resilience, and compassion, exemplifying the true spirit of "Waukesha Strong", and

**WHEREAS,** amidst the pain, the community has united to heal and remember, with the creation of permanent memorials to honor the lives lost and those forever impacted by this tragic event; and

**WHEREAS,** the We Energies Foundation has graciously stepped forward with a \$50,000 donation to the City of Waukesha Parade Memorial Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, do hereby acknowledge the compassionate and unwavering support extended by the We Energies Foundation and pledge to stand together to ensure the City of Waukesha Parade Memorials stand as beacons of hope, resilience, and enduring remembrance, honoring the lives lost and the strength of our community.

Signed this 7 <sup>th</sup> day of November 2023
Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor
City of Waukesha