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MAYOR DEANNA REED

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**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 23, 2021 AS ROCKINGHAM
COOPERATIVE DAY IN HONOR OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY.**

WHEREAS, in early 1921 over 1,000 farmers in Rockingham County gathered to come to a resolution for unfair and unprofitable prices on fertilizer and vowed to cooperatively purchase fertilizer at affordable prices from area suppliers; and from that meeting an organization formed of 268 original members in Rockingham County; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham Cooperative acted as a guide and example for other area cooperatives in and around Rockingham County, and across the country, on how to empower and excite an agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, the presence of Rockingham Cooperative in its communities since 1921 shows the importance of agriculture in the communities it serves and the value of a cooperative to local residents; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham Cooperative has supplied farm supplies, feed, fertilizer, and all supplies needed for agricultural pursuits over its history in business with the intent to make a meaningful impact on the operations, and member-owners, that work with the cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham Cooperative has proven its value and stood the test of time by providing a valued service to its member-owners and customers for the past 100 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deanna R. Reed, Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg, do proclaim February 23, 2021, the day of that original meeting of area farmers in Rockingham County that started the cooperative movement, as Rockingham Cooperative Day in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Cooperative.

BY: _____
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk