

***WHEREAS**, the City of Stillwater profoundly honors the sacrifices and exemplary service of our healthcare professionals; and*

***WHEREAS**, our healthcare professionals continuously serve on the frontline to battle COVID-19 in addition to countless hours addressing other health emergencies and concerns; and*

***WHEREAS**, our healthcare professionals, through extreme exhaustion and critically short-staffed workforce exacerbated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, fervently make every effort to heal and save lives; and*

***WHEREAS**, our healthcare professionals continue to exude heroism, grace, empathy, and grit amid the COVID-19 pandemic and recent surge of the highly transmissible Delta variant; and*

***WHEREAS**, our healthcare professionals humanely encourage and professionally advise citizens to receive COVID-19 vaccination(s) as a united front to save the lives of our loved-ones and each other; and*

***WHEREAS**, the citizens of Stillwater profoundly appreciate every healthcare professional who has, is, and will care for our community members; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William H. Joyce, Mayor of the City of Stillwater, on behalf of the City Council and citizens, do hereby officially recognize and designate September 27-October 1, 2021 as **“Healthcare Professional Appreciation Week”** in the City of Stillwater.*

WILLIAM H. JOYCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TERESA KADAVY, CITY CLERK