

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 sometimes referred to as “The Second War for American Independence” officially begins on June 18, 2012; and

Whereas the sacrifices by those soldiers, citizens and their families that fought in the War of 1812, further defended the liberties previously won in the American Revolution and

Whereas those sacrifices would include heroic efforts by Dolly Madison to save some of our National treasures from destruction during the burning of the White House by the British in 1814 and

Whereas the conflict and bravery shown would inspire Francis Scott Key to write a poem describing the bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor and the said writings would become our country’s National Anthem, known as the Star Spangled Banner and

Whereas General Andrew Jackson helped win a stunning victory over the British in the Battle of New Orleans on 08 January 1815 and

Whereas the War of 1812 further solidified the United States independence from Great Britain and

Whereas in 1855 Congress provided land grants to veterans of the War of 1812 which furthered expansion west to places like Iowa, where even today the descendants of these patriots call home and

WHEREAS, many thousands of Iowa residents today can trace their lineages back to these patriotic early settlers; and,

WHEREAS, descendents of some of the veterans of the war of 1812 in the state of Iowa have recently obtained a Charter that grants to Iowa members a State Society within the General Society of the War of 1812; whose primary purpose is to promote a more general awareness of the history of said war throughout this state and among the citizens of Iowa and the nation:

Now, Therefore I Jon F. Kruse, Mayor of Storm Lake, Iowa do hereby proclaim June 18th as “The War of 1812 Remembrance Day” and urge all citizens to become more knowledgeable of the role the War of 1812 played in the history of our great nation and citizens of the state of Iowa.

