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## *2020: A Year of Hope*

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The Highland City Mayor and Council hereby proclaim 2020 as "A Year of Hope."

We hope for a better tomorrow and that we will overcome our present circumstances, emerging as a finer people. Let us replace the term 'social distancing' with 'physical distancing' to remind us of the importance of being sociable and connecting with our neighbors, friends, and family. By looking out for each other in meaningful ways, we contribute to our community, state, nation, and the world.

As we work through today's challenges, remembering the lessons we've learned will bless tomorrow. These include:

1. The importance of those who serve in all walks of life; from grocers to doctors and nurses, from truck drivers to engineers. In sum, our interdependence on each other.
2. The value of being prepared and the joy that comes when you are therefore able to help others.
3. Our reliance on faith in a better tomorrow and the hand of Providence to guide us, especially when the way is not clear.

We believe that many of the solutions developed to address the issues we face today will benefit our community and the world in the future. We are so grateful to those whose faith and persistence created them.

When physical distancing restrictions are gone, we hope to move forward enjoying stronger and more meaningful relationships, because of the way we stayed connected and supported each other through this challenging time. There is a bright future ahead that includes a deeper commitment to serving and respecting each other.

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