



## **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF WEST ST. PAUL'S 50th ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the West. St. Paul club, chartered in September of 1971, have been local representatives of the Optimist International Organization, whose mission is to Bring Out the Best in Youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Optimist Club of West St. Paul has made the Commitment to providing programs, support, leadership and educational opportunities to the youth of this community; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past five decades, students in District 197 have participated in 24 years of the District Spelling Bee, the District and Regional levels of the Essay and Oratorical competitions, the West St. Paul Sings vocal competition and numerous sports sponsorships, community endeavors and other programs; and

**WHEREAS**, a member of this community is recognized each year by the Optimist Club for their contribution to the betterment of youth in the Optimist of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Optimist Club of West St. Paul is celebrating their 50th year in 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, David Napier, Mayor of West St. Paul, on behalf of the City Council and the City of West St. Paul and all students of District 197, declare that these contributions and half century milestone be recognized within our community by proclaiming that September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to be observed as Optimist Day in the City of West St. Paul.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of West St Paul, Minnesota, to be affixed on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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David J. Napier, Mayor