



# Mayor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS** Mitchell A. Terpstra (better known as Mitch) has been selected by his peers as the 2023 Firefighter of the Year; and
- WHEREAS** Mitch grew up in Owatonna with hopes that someday he would become a firefighter. He moved away and while living in Villard, MN he served as a volunteer firefighter for four years; and
- WHEREAS** when Mitch returned to Owatonna he set a personal goal to join the Owatonna Fire Department. February 21, 2019 he met this objective when he accepted a position as a Paid-On-Call Firefighter; and
- WHEREAS** when not assisting the fire department Mitch is active within the community and works as a Lawn Care Sales and Operations Supervisor for From the Ground Up.

**NOW THEREFORE I**, Thomas A Kuntz, Mayor of the Great City of Owatonna, hereby proclaim, Thursday, October 12, 2023 as

## Mitchell A. Terpstra Day

and call upon all Owatonna Citizens to thank Mitch for his service. The Exchange Club of Owatonna will host the 2023 Firefighter Banquet on Thursday, October 12th at the Owatonna Eagles to recognize Mitch for this honor and also acknowledge all of our firefighters that risk their lives for us each day.

Dated: October 3, 2023

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas A. Kuntz, Mayor

