

WHEREAS, Mankato Area Fair Trade Town Initiative (MAFTTI) is committed to the promotion of Mankato as a Fair Trade Town according to the criteria of the Fair Trade Towns USA Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Mankato Area Fair Trade Town Initiative is working towards increasing the range of Fair Trade products which are available in local stores, cafes and other venues. These include Fair Trade Certified products and those sold by retailers that are members of the Fair Trade Federation, and

WHEREAS, Mankato Area Fair Trade Town Initiative is working towards increasing the use of Fair Trade products in local organizations, such as places of worship, businesses, services, administrative offices, and community groups, and

WHEREAS, Mankato Area Fair Trade Town Initiative is promoting a local campaign with the intention of attracting media attention and visible public support, including press and radio coverage; and

WHEREAS, Mankato Area Fair Trade Town Initiative will be working to find Fair Trade coffee options for City offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, as the Mayor and City Councilors of the City of Mankato, do hereby proclaim that the City of Mankato supports the efforts of the Mankato Area Fair Trade Town Initiative.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Mankato Area Fair Trade Town Initiative will provide the City Council of the City of Mankato updates as they attain the action steps necessary for Fair Trade Town designation according to the criteria of the Fair Trade Towns USA Campaign.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have hereunto signed our names and caused the seal of the City of Mankato to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

OT THE UNITED TO SEE

John D. Brady, Mayor

Michael Laven, President At-Large