

A Mayoral Proclamation in Honor of Peabody-Crane Paper Mill

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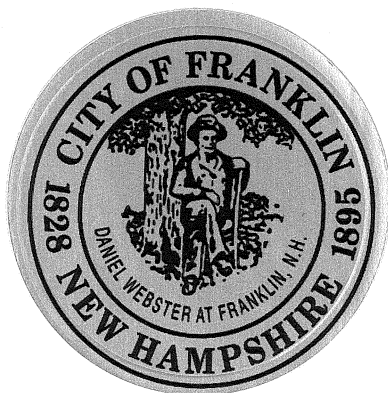
WHEREAS, this all happened two hundred years ago, it behooves the city to recognize the bicentennial of the first commercial paper mill in Franklin on this, the eve of Franklin's next wave of economic vitality; **AND**

WHEREAS, this site is now to be the Chinburg development of the former Stevens Mill, creating another critical piece of a new era in the economic life of this great city, featuring new housing for new residents with commercial space to meet their needs and recreational outlets literally at their doorstep in the form of The Mill City Whitewater Park, an outgrowth once again of the draw of the Winnepesaukee River.

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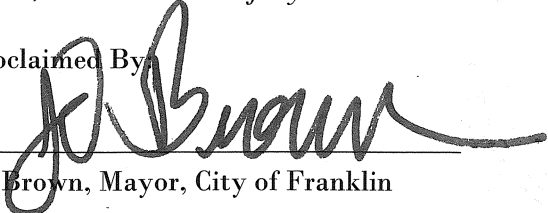
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in the City of Franklin and urge all citizens to celebrate the origin of Franklin's emergence as a center of growth and prosperity as the smallest city in New Hampshire with the biggest heart and the strongest will to succeed.



Given by my hand with the authority of the People of Franklin and under the Great Seal of their City in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-two, and the Independence of the United States, two hundred and forty-six.

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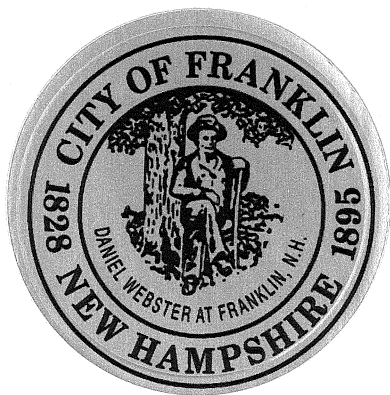
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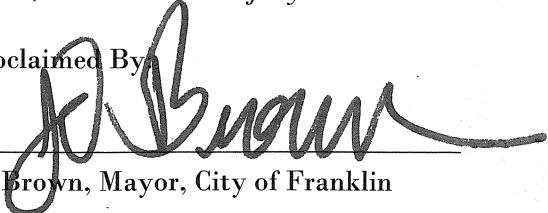
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