WHEREAS, civics education is important to ensure Kentucky children develop an interest and understanding of local government and their role in the community;

WHEREAS, Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies require instruction on citizenship and local government for entry-level elementary school children;

WHEREAS, involving and informing students of local government programs and duties can provide an opportunity for entire families to connect with vital city services and programs;

WHEREAS, there are 412 active incorporated cities in Kentucky and more than half of the state’s population lives in a city;

WHEREAS, “City Government Month” is a civics awareness campaign that educates elementary school students about city services by providing teacher lesson plans, students coloring/activity books, and classroom materials; and

WHEREAS, “City Government Month” calls on city officials to get involved in their local schools and in educating and engaging elementary school students in city government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George P. Bray, Mayor of Paducah, hereby declare

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in Paducah and encourage local officials, employees to collaborate with local elementary schools to educate students about thier city government.