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**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS:** Cultivation to Tao is a hallmark of the Chinese character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and
- WHEREAS:** The cultivators of Tao are increasingly turning to service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to assist the City of Cambridge meet the needs of individuals, couples, and families; and
- WHEREAS:** Chong De School and Chong De Temple cultivators serve in more than 50 locations across the country and address the most pressing challenges facing our city and county, from educating students for the 21st century and supporting faith-based practitioners and families to providing spiritual services and helping individuals improve their filial piety; and
- WHEREAS:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, the Inheritance and Innovation of Chinese Classical Culture expands social equity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, expressive therapy and leadership abilities for those who cultivate Tao; and
- WHEREAS:** Participants at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference increase the impact of the organizations they serve with, both through their direct service and by recruiting and managing thousands of additional volunteers; and
- WHEREAS:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-city resources to strengthen community impact and increase the well-being of residents and demonstrates commitment, dedication, and devotion by committing to Tao, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and
- WHEREAS:** The Chong De School shares a priority with educators worldwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the Chong De Temple at 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference the Inheritance and Innovation of Chinese Classical Culture to recognize the impact of Tao on December 23 & 24, 2020.

Therefore, I, Sumbul Siddiqui, Mayor of the City of Cambridge, do hereby proclaim

**December 23, 2020, as Inheritance and Innovation of Chinese Classical Culture Day**  
and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of Chong De School and Chong De Temple in our city; to thank those who teach; and to create ways to give back to their communities.

**MAYOR SUMBUL SIDDIQUI**  
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