



## **CITY OF BUCHANAN, COUNTY OF BERRIEN, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

### **Proclamation of Appreciation to American Electric Power (AEP)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2025, the City of Buchanan and surrounding areas experienced a severe storm event that resulted in widespread power outages, fallen trees, damaged infrastructure, and dangerous conditions for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the timing of the storm coincided with a significant cold snap, placing additional strain on the community and posing increased risk to the health, safety, and well-being of residents; and

**WHEREAS**, American Electric Power (AEP) responded with urgency and professionalism, mobilizing crews and resources rapidly to assess the damage, restore power lines, and ensure the safe and efficient return of electrical service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, AEP's extraordinary efforts enabled power restoration across the City of Buchanan in a remarkably short period of time given the widespread and complex nature of the damage, helping to restore a sense of normalcy and security to residents and businesses alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Buchanan recognizes the dedication, coordination, and long hours of the AEP team, including linemen, technicians, support staff, and leadership, who worked tirelessly under challenging conditions to serve our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the City Commission of the City of Buchanan does hereby express its sincere appreciation and gratitude to **American Electric Power (AEP)** for their swift and effective response to the March 30, 2025, storm, and for their unwavering commitment to public service and community safety.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that a copy of this proclamation be presented to AEP as a token of the City's gratitude and recognition of their exemplary service.

Proclaimed this 14th day of April 2025.

**On behalf of the Buchanan City Commission**

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Mayor Mark Weedon