



CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

- WHEREAS, LIFE SAVING AND HEROIC ACTIONS BY FIRE FIGHTERS DO NOT ALWAYS OCCUR AT EMERGENCY SCENES; AND,
- WHEREAS, THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES FIRE STATION 8, FIRST DIVISION, CONDUCTED A COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM AT LINCOLN AND ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOLS IN AN ENDEAVOR TO EDUCATE THE STUDENTS ABOUT THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH UNDERAGE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND OF OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE IMPAIRED; AND,
- WHEREAS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DES MOINES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SCHOOL FACULTY, MEMBERS OF FIRE STATION 8 STAGED A REALISTIC MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT SCENE OF WHICH STUDENTS COULD TAKE A WALKING TOUR; AND,
- WHEREAS, DRAMA STUDENTS WERE MOULAGED, OR MADE UP, TO PORTRAY VICTIMS WITH BOTH SERIOUS AND FATAL INJURIES. THE STUDENTS WERE OUTSTANDING IN THEIR APPROACH TO THE ROLES THEY WERE PORTRAYING AND IN THE QUALITY OF THEIR ACTING; AND,
- WHEREAS, SIGNS WERE POSTED AROUND THE WALKING ROUTE, BEARING MESSAGES DESIGNED TO PROVOKE THOUGHTS REGARDING THE CHOICES THAT THE "INJURED OR DEAD" STUDENTS MAY HAVE MADE THAT LED TO THE TRAGEDY; AND,
- WHEREAS, AS A FOLLOW-UP, TEACHERS LED CLASS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STUDENTS REGARDING WHAT THEY HAD OBSERVED, AND WHAT LESSONS THEY MAY HAVE LEARNED; AND,
- WHEREAS, DUE TO THE UNIQUENESS OF THIS PROGRAM, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS PRESENTED THE

"HEROES OF THE HEARTLAND"

AWARD TO THE CREW MEMBERS OF FIRE STATION 8.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T.M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR, DEEM IT AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO EXTEND THIS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO THE CREW MEMBERS OF FIRE STATION 8 AND CALL UPON THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMUNITY TO JOIN ME IN THIS RECOGNITION; AND, FURTHERMORE, I URGE OTHER COMMUNITIES TO USE THIS PROGRAM AS AN EXAMPLE AND MODEL FOR THEIR HIGH SCHOOLS IN AN EFFORT TO EDUCATE THE STUDENTS ABOUT THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH UNDERAGE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND OF OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE IMPAIRED.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA, TO BE AFFIXED THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND SEVEN.


T.M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR
CITY OF DES MOINES

