

City of Des Moines



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THE CITIZENS OF DES MOINES HAVE IN THE PAST AND CONTINUE TO SHOW COMPASSION AND CONCERN FOR THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS DIFFERENT FROM THEMSELVES; AND,

WHEREAS, DECEMBER 1, 2007, MARKS THE COMMENCEMENT OF UNIVERSAL "HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH"; DECEMBER 10, 2007, IS UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED AS "HUMAN RIGHTS DAY"; AND, DECEMBER 15, 2007, IS RECOGNIZED AS "BILL OF RIGHTS DAY"; AND,

WHEREAS, DECEMBER 10, 2007, CELEBRATES THE 59th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADOPTION AND PROCLAMATION, THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS DECLARATION GUARANTEES THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE AND ENCOMPASSES A BROAD SPECTRUM OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF DES MOINES ESTABLISHED THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN 1954, TO PROTECT PERSONS IN DES MOINES FROM UNFAIR TREATMENT IN THE AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION AND MUNICIPAL PRACTICES; AND,

WHEREAS, CITY LEADERS CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR APPRECIATION OF DIVERSITY AND PROTECTION OF FAIR TREATMENT FOR ALL PERSONS ON A DAILY BASIS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T.M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2007, AS:

HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

AND CALL UPON THE PEOPLE OF DES MOINES, IOWA, TO BE PARTICULARLY RESPECTFUL OF THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS AND APPRECIATE THE DIVERSITY OF ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES AT ALL TIMES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, TO BE AFFIXED THIS THIRD DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND SEVEN.


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

