



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, THE DRAKE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM COMPILED A 23-11 RECORD ON ITS WAY TO A FIRST PLACE TIE FOR THE MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE REGULAR SEASON TITLE, AND THE DRAKE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM POSTED A 28-5 RECORD ON ITS WAY TO AN MVC REGULAR SEASON TITLE; AND
- WHEREAS, THAT'S THE FIRST TIME BOTH DRAKE TEAMS HAVE EVER DONE THAT IN THE SAME YEAR; AND
- WHEREAS, THE DRAKE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ADVANCED TO THE FINALS OF THE MVC CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ST. LOUIS AND THE DRAKE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ADVANCED TO THEIR MVC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IN ST. CHARLES; AND
- WHEREAS, THE DRAKE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WAS INVITED TO THE WOMEN'S WNIT, AND THE DRAKE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WAS SEEDED 5TH IN THE NCAA WEST REGION; AND
- WHEREAS, LINDSAY WHORTON WAS NAMED AN ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN AND WAS JOINED ON THE MVC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM BY TEAMMATE JILL MARTIN. ADAM EMMENECKER WAS NAMED AN ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN AND HE WAS JOINED ON THE MEN'S MVC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM BY SOPHOMORE JOSH YOUNG; AND
- WHEREAS, DURING THE COURSE OF THIS UNFORGETTABLE SEASON THE PLAYERS AND COACHES OF BOTH TEAMS ACCUMULATED INDIVIDUAL AWARDS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION; AND
- WHEREAS, THE OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETES, COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF OF THE DRAKE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS MADE THE BRUTALLY COLD AND INTERMINABLY LONG WINTER OF 2007-2008 SEEM SHORT AND WARM, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE BULLDOG BRASS GOT THE LOUD AND PROUD CROWDS IN THE KNAPP CENTER STOMPING AND HOLLERING.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 2007-2008 BASKETBALL SEASON TO BE:

"THE YEAR OF THE BULLDOG"

IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES, AND CALL UPON OUR CITIZENS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL THE DRAKE BASKETBALL FAMILY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSE THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA TO BE AFFIXED THIS FIFTH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.

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

