



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT VOLUNTARY ADHERENCE TO THE RULE OF LAW EXPANDS, RATHER THAN LIMITS, THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FREEDOM; AND

WHEREAS, A VIABLE DEMOCRACY REQUIRES UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE AND BASIS OF OUR FREEDOMS AND RECOGNITION OF THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH THOSE FREEDOMS IMPOSE; AND

WHEREAS, THE LAW DAY 2008, FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY THEME OF THE RULE OF LAW: FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITIES OF OPPORTUNITY AND EQUITY, ENCOURAGES US ALL TO EXAMINE THE RULE OF LAW, OUR ROLE IN ITS SUSTAINABILITY, AND ITS RULE IN PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR DEMOCRACY, OPPORTUNITY EQUITY AND ALL THAT IS MOST PRECIOUS TO US.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008 AS:

LAW DAY

AND URGE THE CITIZENS, SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES, LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AND MEDIA OF DES MOINES TO USE THIS OCCASION TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN THE RULE OF LAW.

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-FIRST DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND EIGHT.

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

