



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, GARDENERS HAVE A PASSION FOR NURTURING THE BEAUTY AND RESOURCES OF THE EARTH THROUGH THE PLANTING OF SEEDS, THE CARE OF ALL PLANTS AND THE RICHES OF THEIR EFFORTS; AND
- WHEREAS, GARDENERS SEEK TO ADD BEAUTY, SPLENDOR, FRAGRANCE AND NUTRITION TO OUR LIVES THROUGH THE GROWING OF HERBS, VEGETABLES, FOLIAGE AND FLOWERS; AND
- WHEREAS, GARDENERS WORK TO PRESERVE OUR COUNTRY'S TRADITIONAL SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE AND INITIATIVE THROUGH INNOVATION AND HARD WORK; AND
- WHEREAS, GARDENERS ADVOCATE THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL CREATURES, LARGE AND SMALL, THAT SHARE OUR WORLD AND THEIR ROLES IN A BALANCED AND PRODUCTIVE ECOLOGY; AND
- WHEREAS, GARDENING FURNISHES A CHALLENGING AND PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY FOR MANY CITIZENS, FOR THOSE JUST LEARNING AS WELL AS THOSE HAVING YEARS OF EXPERIENCE; AND
- WHEREAS, GARDENING PROMOTES A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE THAT LAST A LIFETIME, HELPS REDUCE STRESS FROM OTHER AREAS OF OUR LIFE AND TEACHES THAT REWARDS CAN COME FROM DILIGENT EFFORTS; AND
- WHEREAS, GARDENING ENABLES MEMBERS OF GARDEN CLUBS ACROSS THE NATION AND THE WORLD TO SERVE OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY RESIDE AND WORK; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF JUNE 1 - 7, 2008, AS:

"NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK"

IN AN EFFORT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF GARDENING AND THE NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF GARDENERS.

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

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

