



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** DES MOINES IS A CITY RICHLY ENDOWED WITH A GREAT DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE, CULTURES, LIFESTYLES, AND LANGUAGES; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE STRENGTH OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY MUST BE BASED UPON PARTICIPATION WITHOUT PREJUDICE OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNITY; AND
- WHEREAS,** MEMBERS OF THE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE ENHANCEMENT OF OUR QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNITY; AND
- WHEREAS,** CAPITAL CITY PRIDE BEING ONE OF DES MOINES' CHANGE AGENT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH ITS MISSION OF PROMOTING ACCEPTANCE, TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION, PROGRAMMING AND VISIBILITY; AND
- WHEREAS,** "CATCH THE SPIRIT" IS THE ESTABLISHED THEME FOR THE 2008 DES MOINES GAY PRIDE FESTIVAL CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF PRIDE AND ITS DIVERSITY HERE IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES IN RECOGNITION OF THE 39 YEARS SINCE STONEWALL; AND
- WHEREAS,** OUR COMMEMORATION OF THESE EVENTS UNDERSCORES OUR DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT, PRESERVE AND ADVANCE THE CIVIL RIGHTS GUARANTEED TO ALL AMERICANS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE, MAYOR, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF JUNE 9-15, 2008 AS:**

### **GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDERED PRIDE WEEK**

**IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES, AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF CAPITAL CITY PRIDE IN ORGANIZING THIS YEAR'S GAY PRIDE FESTIVAL AND THE IMPORTANT ROLE IT PLAYS IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

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

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

